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Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe

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Tribe's investment in bank 'beginning to take off'

By Gloria Trotter

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's investment in First Oklahoma Bank is "just beginning to take off," bank president Murlin Derebery believes.

And firm evidence of that is easy to see next door to the bank building on MacArthur Street in north Shawnee, where heavy equipment has been clearing land and moving dirt since late April for a new bank building. Tribal and bank officials formally broke ground for the new structure on April 22, just four years after the Potawatomis became the first Native American tribe to own a national bank.

"I think the potential of Shawnee is better than any place in Oklahoma I can think of," Derebery said in an interview a few days later. "I'm excited about getting the building going and the future."

Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett, speaking to a large group of well-wishers at the groundbreaking, termed the new bank building "an investment in the future of Shawnee and Tecumseh" as he and members of the Business Committee and bank officials stuck new shovels



First Oklahoma Bank president Murlin Derebery, front, speaks to well-wishers at the groundbreaking for the new building. Behind him, from left, are Shawnee Chamber of Commerce chairman Richard Finley, architect Don Price, tribal vice chairman Linda Capps, Business Committee member Hilton Melot, Shawnee City Commissioner Dr. Robert Barnard, bank vice president Jim Hayden, Business Committee member Jerry P. Motley and tribal Chairman John A. Barrett Jr.

into the soggy Oklahoma soil.

"This is a day everyone on the business committee has looked forward to for many years," said

Barrett, who is also vice chairman of the bank's board. FOB board chairman Dr. John Robinson and Tribal Administrator Bob Davis

could not attend the groundbreaking ceremonies, but all other members of the Business Committee and bank board were

there. Also serving on the bank's board from the tribe's business committee are Linda Capps and Hilton Melot, while Bob Davis and Jerry P. Motley serve as advisory directors.

In addition to Robinson, the other bank directors are Jerry O'Connor and Derebery, with bank vice president Jim Hayden serving as an advisory director. Barrett was lavish in his praise of Derebery and Hayden at the groundbreaking, saying the directors are "proud of Murlin and Jim and the great job they are doing."

Since the tribe purchased the bank, growth has been steady, Derebery said. "It is growing, and it has become profitable," he said. "Compared to banks our size, it is in the top tier." Derebery said the bank is "one and a half times the size it was in the past few years. It has become a \$50-60 million dollar bank in the last four to five years." He pointed out that "from an investment standpoint, banks are now more attractive; they're past their big problems. The values are back like they used to be seven or

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New evidence may help Potawatomi reservation case

Lawyers for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe have discovered a 35-year-old ruling by the Indian Claims Commission which has direct bearing on the tribe's legal attempts to protect its traditional "reservation area."

The ruling, handed down Sept. 18, 1958, held that the Citizen Band unquestionably had a reservation in Indian Territory and that the Absentee Shawnees were "in the nature of squatters."

Discovery of the decision is important because the Bureau of Indian Affairs has said

Potawatomi permission will not be required for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to put land within the Potawatomi Reservation area in trust. Federal regulations require written consent for one tribe to take land in trust within another tribe's territory, but the BIA is not enforcing that regulation in this case on grounds the two tribes "share a common former reservation area."

The Citizen Band filed suit against the BIA in an effort to stop the Absentee Shawnees

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Only a few days left to mail requests for absentee ballots

A very short time remains for Potawatomi voters to submit applications for absentee ballots. All requests must be received by June 6.

About 1,000 requests for ballots had been received at press time, and ballots are being mailed weekly by the Election Committee. Ballots must be in the Tecumseh post office by 10 a.m. Saturday, June 26, in order to be counted. In-person voting will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 26 at tribal headquarters. All enrolled tribal members 18 years of age and older are eligible to vote.

On the ballot will be the office of tribal chairman. Incumbent John A. "Rocky" Barrett is challenged by former administrator and Business Committee member Dr. Francis Levier. Also on the ballot are three candidates for the Grievance Committee, all unopposed, and the proposed set-aside budget.

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TRIBAL TRACTS



Ashely Davis, right, signs letter of intent with the University of Central Oklahoma as her parents Bob and Jary Davis, standing, and Seminole tennis coach Suzie O'Neal, left, watch.

Davis wins state tennis crown

A Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal member and her partner claimed the Oklahoma 3A State Championship in doubles tennis May 13.

Ashley Davis, daughter of Bob and Jary Davis, and her partner Rachel Dencker ripped their way through the state tournament, finally defeating the Busby-Curtis team from Elk City for the title.

Ashley, whose father is tribal administrator and secretary-treasurer of the Business Committee, has accepted a scholarship and signed a letter of intent to play tennis for the University of Central Oklahoma. She is a graduating senior at Seminole High School, where she has accumulated a 25-1 record in doubles play and is undefeated at 5-0 in singles play during her senior year.

She and Dencker won the No. 1 doubles titles at Ardmore, Midwest City, Carl Albert and

Seminole earlier this year. She has been successful throughout her high school career, finishing second in the regionals as a freshman and sixth in the state as a No. 1 singles player. She was first at regionals and second in the state as a sophomore, and first in regionals and third in the state as a junior.

On May 17, Ashley was named Outstanding Female Athlete for 1993 at Seminole's athletic awards banquet.

"Ashley has had a very successful career here and has helped our tennis program," said Seminole tennis coach Suzie O'Neal.

Seniors golf tourney big success

By Mike Wood, Fire Lake Golf Pro

The Third Annual Seniors Golf Tournament was held once again at Fire Lake Golf Course on April 16. The tournament was a shotgun start at 10 a.m. with weather conditions near perfect.

Following the tournament the players met in Fire Lake Restaurant for the awards ceremony, where tournament chairman Harold Trousdale presented the prizes. Tying for first place were the teams of Leo Snow and Ken Owens with 52's. Third place was shared by the teams of Bill Price and Jim McKellar with 53's. The teams of Clifford Birdhead and Punch Richardson shared fifth place with 54's.

Once again the tournament was a big success and we look forward to next year. The tournament was run by Harold Trousdale and Bob Schubert.

Rhodd family plans reunion

The Rhodd family of Tecumseh, Oklahoma is announcing a family reunion to be held August 21-22, 1993. The family proposes the two day event to be a time for the older members to renew ties and acquaint the younger generation with their relatives.

The reunion will be an outdoor affair in one of the parks in either Shawnee or Tecumseh or at the tribal powwow grounds. The family organizers ask that those who will be attending to bring provisions and tents for their stay. In addition, please bring family lineages or records as we will be putting together a Rhodd family tree and its associated relations with other families. We have a very diverse family tree which includes several tribes such as Ponca, Kickapoo, Musquakie, Sac and Fox, Sioux, and Prairie Band Potawatomi to name but a few.

In forthcoming issues of the HowNiKan and other newspapers where many of our relatives are located, we will be announcing the specific location and other pertinent information. If you have questions or need further information please contact by mail or phone the following persons:

Ms. Rosemary Rhodd, c/o Benjamin G. Rhodd, RR #2, Tecumseh, Oklahoma 74873, phone (405) 329-2261, or Mr. Ben K. Rhodd, P.O. Box #846, Hill City, South Dakota 57745.

We will be printing a flyer with additional information for sending out to those wanting to come. Please make the effort to participate and let us renew our bonds as family.

Barnes named to Indian center board

Tribal member Sondra Barnes of Gladstone, Missouri has been elected to serve a three-year term of office on the 12-member board of directors of the Heart of America Indian Center of Kansas City, MO.

Voting took place on Saturday April 17 by the general membership of the Center. Sondra will serve on the executive board as secretary. Sondra replaced former secretary Maryann Frank, who chose not to seek re-election. Maryann is currently the midwest regional representative for the tribe.

Sondra is very active in American Indian affairs. She is also the secretary on the executive board of directors for the Kansas City Indian Club and the secretary for the Indian Education Program for the North Kansas City School district. She has also served in the capacity of chairman of the board for this organization.

Sondra and her husband Dan live in Gladstone, Missouri. Aside from staying active in so many Native American organizations, she also stays quite busy at home with her three daughters.

Rhodd initiated into honor society

Robert Gene Rhodd, of Winfield, Kansas, a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe, has joined the Pi Gamma Mu, an International Honor Society in Social Science. Rhodd was initiated by the Kansas Alpha Chapter.

Robert attends Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, and is planning to get a B.S.N. in nursing. He is currently employed at William Newton Memorial Hospital part-time as an L.P.N.

His parents are Max and Vivian Rhodd of Winfield. Grandparents were the late Robert H. Rhodd and the late Amy Rhodd Burley. Robert and his wife Karen have three children: Erica, Colby and Timothy.

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Deadline:

June HowNiKan — June 10

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Full Page — \$100

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TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 26, 1993. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 6, 1993. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as election of the Tribal Chairman and Grievance Committee members, will also be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

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Derebery: buying bank was 'wise decision' for tribe

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eight years ago. That's important if anyone is interested in buying and selling."

That success has apparently swept away any lingering apprehension in the Shawnee-Tecumseh community about an Indian tribe owning a bank. Derebery, who was president of another Shawnee bank at the time the Potawatomis purchased First Oklahoma Bank in February 1989, admits the feelings were there — and may still be, to an extent.

"It's a stigma that's out there," he said. "When I was with the other bank, you'd hear all kinds of stories about how it would be ruined. But when I became a part of it, I saw that it was run like any other bank. I think the community is past that, too." Derebery said he personally had a few qualms at first. "When I interviewed for this job, I did determine that the bank was run the way it should be. I satisfied myself before I came aboard. Now I'm more than satisfied — my support from the tribe has more than 100 percent."

If the "stigma" is a disadvantage of tribal ownership, the advantages far outweigh that, the bank president believes. Leaning back in his chair, he looks around the sunny office decorated in traditional masculine banker style with occasional Native American accents including a couple of prints by Gary Montgomery and Kelly Haney and a feather-adorned piece of pottery.

"Tribal ownership has lots of advantages," he concludes. "Especially once we get in the new building, we can get into new areas where a minority-owned bank has extra opportunities." Although for competitive reasons he declined to list those areas specifically, he said they might involve trusts, investments and other programs that would "directly benefit tribal members

doing business with the bank."

In the meantime, tribal members who walk into First Oklahoma Bank with financial needs "will get a friendly ear ... I know more here than at an ordinary bank," Derebery promises. "They certainly get fair consideration." On a larger scale, tribal ownership gives the bank access to "some deposits connected with federal programs ... we don't always use them," he said, "but we have that avenue to acquire those funds."

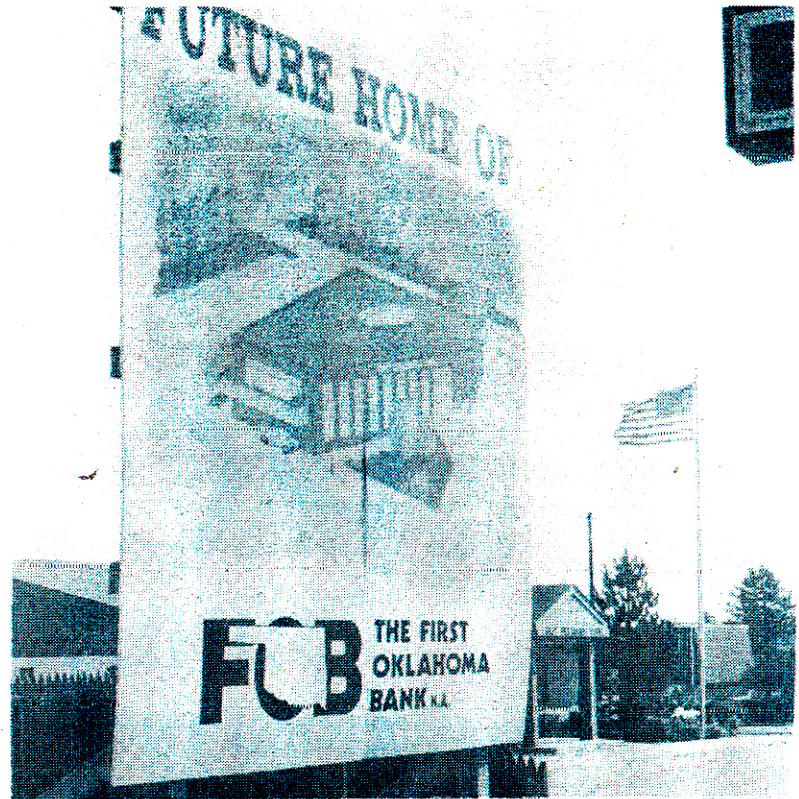
Programs for tribal members and other bank customers aren't the only advantage of building a new bank building. "Once the building is completed and we're settled in," Derebery said, "we'll build a branch on tribal land. We will either move this building or build a new one, but that will be at least a year."

That's how long it will take to

complete the new building on MacArthur. The two-story, 32,000-square-foot structure is being built by the tribe under the direction of Bob Dunning and will be leased back to the bank. Construction cost will be between \$1.5 and \$2 million.

That will be a proud day for the tribe, officials feel, as well as the Shawnee-Tecumseh community. And no one will be prouder than Murlin Derebery, who although not a tribal member is banking on the success of the tribe's most impressive enterprise.

"The Business Committee made a wise decision with the bank," he said confidently. "Some people thought that it wasn't a good time to buy a bank, but in my opinion it was. I won't be long until it is two times the size we were when I came here in October 1991."



Existing bank building is glimpsed behind sign showing artist's conception on new building



Hilton Melot helps Linda Capps with her shovel as architect Don Price looks on



Tribal Chairman John A. Barrentt Jr. inscribes the date and occasion on his shovel handle



Bob Dunning, Don Price discuss plans for new building



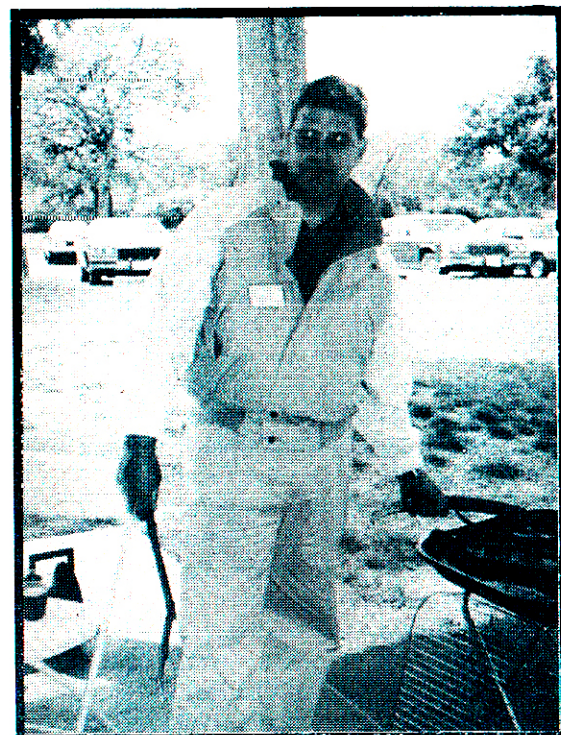
John A. Barrentt Jr., Murlin Derebery, Hilton Melot, Bob Dunning pose with shovels.

1993 April 17 • Grand Prairie Park

DALLAS REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING



Rose Marie Snell and son David with guest.



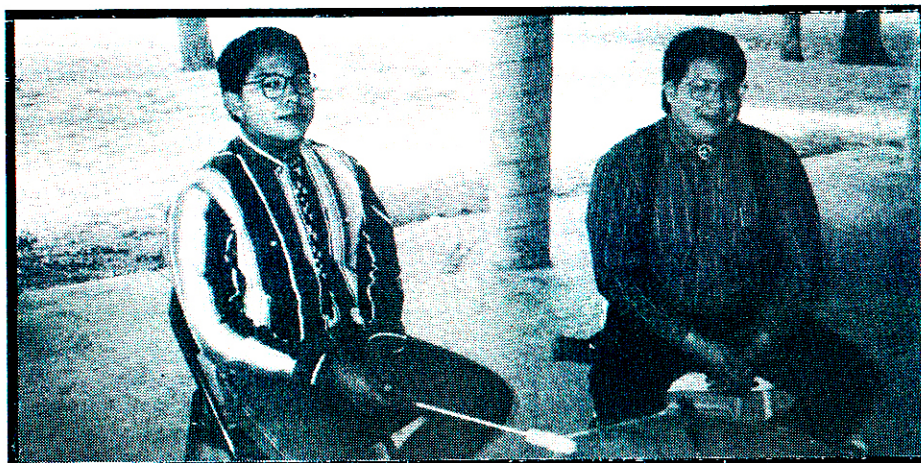
"Keeper of the Fire" for the day was Joe Doories.



Wisest Member present was Vernon Peery, age 70 from Dennison, Texas.



Norman Kiker, chaplain was at the meeting.



Kenneth and Rusty Cozad traveled to Dallas to play the drums and give a historical background.



Youngest enrolled member, Blake Weaver, 16 months with his mother Teresa Weaver, from Fort Worth, Texas.

*Photos by
Linda Capps
&
John Ellis*



Marcella and Robert Johnson with their son Ron and his family. They traveled from Richardson, Texas.

Dallas Regional Council Meeting



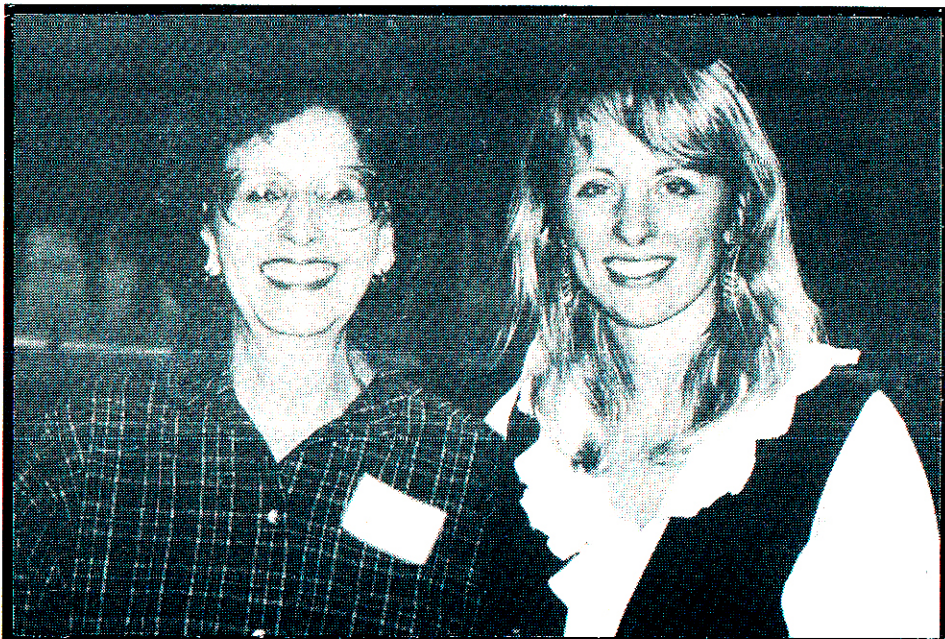
Storyteller, Weckleah Bradley, showed the children how to play games practiced by Indian children of long ago. She entertained both children and adults.



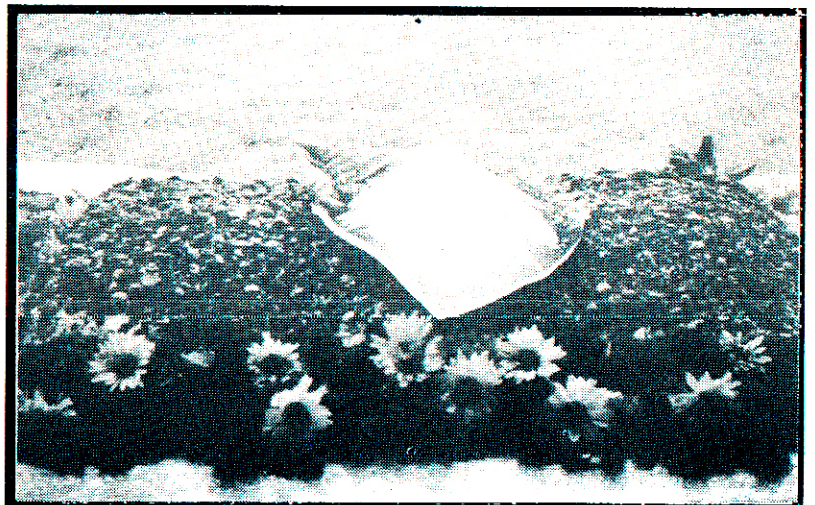
Esther Lowden and her tribal store.



Bill Smith of Borger, Texas traveled 350 miles to attend the meeting.



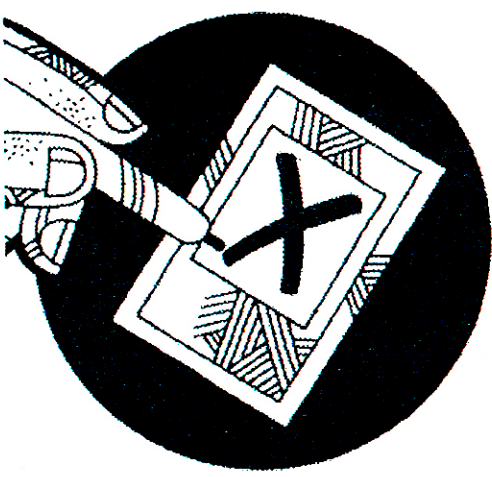
Marjorie Hobby, Northern Texas Regional Representative and Kim Anderson.



Almond Crunch Cake provided by the caterer.

The Shouting's All Over. Now It's YOUR Turn!

VOTE!

A graphic illustration of a hand placing a ballot into a slot. The ballot has a large 'X' marked on it. The slot is part of a larger circular shape that forms the letter 'O' in the word 'VOTE'.

Here Are Seven Good Reasons To Keep John A. Barrett Jr. Working For Us!

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- 2.** While others waste money and court trouble by selling their sovereignty to "management groups," we operate a model bingo hall ourselves! It wasn't always that way!
- 3.** Potawatomi Tribal Programs are run smoothly, efficiently and courteously for the benefit of ALL Tribal members! It wasn't always that way!
- 4.** Our new Fire Lake Restaurant has quickly established itself as "the place" to eat in Shawnee and Fire Lake Golf Course has a great reputation. It wasn't always that way!
- 5.** Potawatomis from across the nation have been brought into Tribal government through our Regional Council program! It wasn't always that way!
- 6.** For perhaps the first time in Tribal history, our money is being wisely invested so that future Potawatomis can appreciate their rich heritage. It wasn't always that way!
- 7.** Now we can hold our heads high in any company and proudly proclaim, "I am Potawatomi!" Believe us, it wasn't always that way! You know it wasn't!

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REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Tulsa Sunday, June 6

SEATTLE

Greetings from Washington State!

My thanks to those who have written or called the office to share what a good time they had at the March 13 Regional meeting. I really appreciate the feedback! But again, it couldn't happen without a lot of help and I had a great team to work with; families are a blessing in a lot of unexpected ways! Jeremy Finch, Esther Lowden and the Business Committee helped a lot as well and I'm just grateful that so many had such a good time!

As a follow-up to our Regional meeting there are two picnics in the works. I don't have the exact dates yet, but one will be in July and the other in August. The July picnic will be held on the Olympic Peninsula while August's will be somewhere near Spokane and the Washington/Idaho border. You will receive mailings for both as they come to pass. These will not be pow wows or organized meetings as such but more a time to get together and get to know one another, each together and maybe even play — a family time.

Congratulations go to Donna Hallgreen of Newman Lake, WA on being the recipient of a master's degree in social work! Homework has taken a lot of weekends and much time away from the family, so all are to be commended on Donna's accomplishment.

The Potawatomi Trail of Death caravan from Twin Lakes, IN to Linn County, KS is slowly taking shape. We leave September 20 following the 18th annual "Trail of Courage" living history festival in Rochester, IN. We are due to arrive a week later after stopping at former markers, placing new ones and honoring the ancestors who stopped and camped at each site along the way. If you'd like to know more about the trip give me a call or contact Shirley Willard at the Fulton County Historical Society, 37E 375N, Rochester, IN 46975.

Have you called the EchoHawk Native American Newsline yet? If you live in or near Seattle and want to know what's going on in the local Native American community, give EchoHawk a call at (206) 781-5677. You can also leave you messages for them and inquire about their new children's newsletter.

I hope you have received your absentee ballot by now and have considered carefully and voted. This year's election is extremely important so read carefully and vote for the people whom you feel will best represent you and the direction you wish to see the tribe go. You can help determine our tribal future — but only if you VOTE!

Recently the *Seattle Times* carried a page of poems written by local people. Armando Martinez, age 10, entered one which to me said it all. I'd like to close by sharing it with you, and thanking Armando and the *Times*.

*Insults... I hate it when people call each other names
They both get hurt ... the one who suffers the insult
and the one who throws the word.
The ugliness of the world increases.
See you next month,*

Susan Campbell

PHOENIX

Bourzho from Phoenix,

It has been a wonderful month here. The rain has finally stopped and the sun is now shining through. The temperatures are starting to reach into the low 90's. That is soon to change and it will be too hot to do anything.

Fun things are coming up. The Pow Wow in June, which I hope as many of you as possible will attend. It's sure to be a great one this year as always. I'm looking forward to meeting all the other Regional Representatives that will be attending. After the Pow Wow is over we in the Southwestern Region will be having an annual picnic. Our picnic schedule will be announced later, so watch for it. I will be needing volunteers to help set things up and to clean up afterwards. If any of you have ideas for games or for anything, please call me and let me know.

I would also like to take time out to welcome Maryann Frank aboard and wish her the best of luck. Megwetch,

Gail Halterman

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NORTHERN TEXAS

"... in the wet season you can't afford to pay any attention to the rain ..." It did not pour, it flowed ... and then suddenly you felt powerless." Oops! I think W. Somerset Maugham already said that in RAIN. I started making phone calls and receiving phone calls. I put a recording on the phone and told all to come to the park and if we decided on the bad weather location we would leave someone there with directions. Two more last minute stops and I was on my way to the park in another rain shower, arriving just in time to see the rental delivery truck driving off. Kim Anderson and daughter Ashley had signed for the tables and coffee pot. Kim, on her handy phone, called the rental company to see if the truck could return to take the tables to the bad weather location. They could not because of other deliveries. Kim and I sat in our cars looking at each other — should we move, should we stay?

Then Joe and Cynthia Dorries drove up, jumped out of their car, bounced over to us and said, "We're here, where's the coffee?" I said, "The coffee pot is under the pavilion, do you know how to make it?" Joe said, "Sure," knowing all along he would ask his wife to do it. But that's okay, since I left the most important part out in my thank yous. Cynthia is the one who "volunteered" Joe to be "Keeper of the Fire," and a great one he was, along with our "wood-gather," Mike Wesley, my son-in-law.

I decided to take a chance on the location and the weather. Kim's arrangements were beautiful to match her beautiful smile and spirit. I imagine Ashley, Brooke and Alyssa all helped with the arrangements. Other willing and able volunteers arrived and pitched in. Tommy Knappe, a Sioux guest of Karin Kreager, proved to be the "tall one" who could stand on the table and reach the outlet to plug in the extension cord for the coffee pot.

Everything was happening later than we had planned due to the rain delay. Jeremy Finch arrived, the caterers came early, the Business Committee arrived from Oklahoma, Norman Kiker, tribal members and our storyteller arrived and the meeting began, rain or shine! Chairman Rocky Barrett lit the ceremonial fire which several people had carefully prepared. The horseshoe tournament began; Weckleah Bradley, Comanche, started the storytelling to a group of children and adults; the volleyball net was set up by willing volunteers and the children made good use of it as well as the playground. Of course, the most direct route to the playground was through the only puddle in the vicinity and everyone knows the shortest distance between two points is a puddle.

It was cloudy and breezy; my daughter took the jacket I brought, my grandson took a sweatshirt my husband had left in the car and Cynthia loaned me a jacket that belonged to Joe; that's what family and friends are for, isn't it?

Dinner was served by our excellent caterers, Q the Cook (Coleman) and Steve Sogga and their staff, Sergio Morfin and Joanie Carter. The food was great even though the frybread turned out as though I had cooked it — too many cooks in the broth. But Weckleah Bradley gave Q instructions and next year he'll do better — on the frybread, that is. Q suggested items that would fit into our Native Foods request and I heard many rave reviews. There were some negative comments from the catering staff when Cynthia Dorries went through the line for the third time and an offer of the entire brisket was made. Her protest that the other plates were for her son and the "Keeper of the Fire" went unheeded. But, other than that, Q and Steve and their staff did a superb job for us.

Chairman "Rocky" Barrett spoke about business matters of the tribe. Linda Capps, Hilton Melot and Jerry Motley also spoke and were available for questions. Chairman Barrett recognized the wisest, Vernon Peery of Denison, farthest traveler, Bill Smith of Borger and the youngest enrolled member, Blake DeChellis Weaver of Irving. Blake is the son of Teresa DeChellis Weaver, grandson of Helen Bloom and big brother to Tyler Wayne Weaver, born April 28th.

Rusty Cozad and his nephew, Kenneth Cozad, came with their drum and we appreciated their contribution. It is my understanding that the horseshoe tournament was not finished, so that's certainly a good reason to meet again next year.

I have many good memories of this day and hope you also left with some to sustain you until the Pow Wow in June when we'll see each other again. I also hope to arrange some get togethers on a smaller scale every three months or so. Call me and let me know of any suggestions or requests you have.

Our ability to deal with the weather proved us to be true Indians. Thanks to all of you who came and we all missed those of you who were not there. And I have found the secret to getting people to come and volunteer to help. Just tell them you're related!

Hominy Oklahoma Regional Council Meeting June 6 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Please RSVP to the Shawnee Office, 1-800-880-9880

MIDWEST

Bourzho Niconi!

So many wonderful things are starting to happen in our region. I am proud to announce that among our head staff for the 31st annual Kansas City Indian Club Pow Wow are George Godfrey as headman dancer, a Citizen Band Potawatomi, and Pamela Whiteman as head lady dancer, who happens to be Esther Lowden's niece. I am extremely honored that they have accepted. The date is July 9, 10, 11 at the Wyandotte County Fairgrounds in Kansas City, KS. I urge everyone to come and support our own Potawatomi brothers and sisters. Last year we had around 10,000 spectators over three day period and over 75 traders with authentic Native American arts and crafts and native foods. For those of you who have expressed a desire to learn to dance, make tribal clothing, sing or learn to drum, we can get together and teach you how. If you can make it to the Pow Wow this year, I suggest you bring your lawn chairs.

Now it's time for me to get on my soap box and preach to you and stress how important it is for you to vote. It really is an important matter. Please take a close look at the candidates, their qualifications and track records. Make an informed decision and know where they stand on the issues. Our Tribe's future depends on it.

Hope to see all of you at the Pow Wow in Shawnee! If you have any questions or ideas you wish to discuss with me, I'm just a phone call away. Peace be with you.

Megwetch,

Maryann Frank

DO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ADHERE TO RULES AND REGULATIONS PROSCRIBED BY US, THE GENERAL COUNCIL?

Resolution No. 80-41

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
Route 5, Box 151
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

June 23, 1980

A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING PERSONS HOLDING ELECTIVE POSITIONS OF THE TRIBE FROM CONCURRENTLY HOLDING ANY SALARIED POSITION WITHIN THE TRIBE OR ANY GRANT OR CONTRACT OPERATED BY THE TRIBE.

WHEREAS, The General Council of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma is the supreme governing body of the Tribe, and,

WHEREAS, the General Council desires to maintain the integrity of policy makers of the Tribe, and,

WHEREAS, the General Council desires to maintain the objectivity of personnel hired by the Tribe to operate tribal programs, NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the General Council of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma that no person shall hold any elective office of the Tribe while concurrently holding any salaried position within the Tribe or any grant or contract operated by the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

We, Wanita R. Clifford, Tribal Chairperson, and Sheila M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe, do hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 80-41, is a true and exact copy as approved at the General Council Meeting held on June 28, 1980, with majority in favor.

Wanita R. Clifford
Wanita R. Clifford, Chairperson

Sheila M. Hall
Sheila M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer

EDITOR'S NOTE

The resolution above was repealed by CBP Resolutions 86-166 and 86-166A approved by the Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee on June 30, 1985, and July 8, 1985 respectively. Those two resolutions, which were adopted in keeping with the Tribal Constitution, authorized the employment of Francis Levier and Kenneth Peltier.

Paid for by Leon Bruno

HOUSTON

Bourzho Niconi, From Houston, Texas!

The woods are heavy with the fragrance of wild honeysuckle, and the Indigo Buntings are migrating through Southeastern Texas now. I find much joy in Mother Nature this time of year.

We had a fine day in the park. And the barbecue was exceptional, don't you agree? John and I enjoyed meeting all of you. We wish there had been more time to visit individually with each of you. The day went by too fast.

Hopefully we can plan a get-together again soon, on a smaller scale, a pot luck picnic perhaps, and share some games and skills and get to know each other better.

Congratulations, Robert Bohuslavicky, on your graduation. We are all proud of you. Jane Braugh, we missed you at the Council meeting, but we realize you have your priorities in order. Good luck with those finals. It was a joy to meet the members of your family who did attend.

Mrs. Burrows, we missed you at Council also, and we continue to pray for your complete recovery from the knee surgery. Call and let us know how you are.

Evelyn Holt Whipple out in San Angelo had surgery scheduled for May 13th. I'm sure she will appreciate you remembering her.

A special Megwetch to John "Rocky" Barrett, Jr., our Chairman, and all the fine members of our Business Committee for making the Council Meeting in Spring Creek Park possible. Thank you Jeremy Finch for all your work. Bob Davis, Norman Kiker, we missed you.

And thank you to Marjorie Hobdy and her son Davis for joining us. Marj had a great Council Meeting in Dallas the weekend of April 17th. We had a good time there.

Send your requests for absentee ballots in right away — you will find one in this HowNiKan — and be sure to vote. This is a very important election.

We hope to see many of you at the Intertribal Pow Wow at Trader's Village.

We will definitely be in Shawnee in June for the Pow Wow. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Aho,

Lu Ellis

DENVER

The excitement is mounting! Pow Wow is almost here. I am so looking forward to it this year and the thrill of meeting my dear friends again. I do hope that those of you that are able are making plans to attend. It is an experience you won't soon forget: The beautiful sight of the dancers in their wonderful outfits, the sounds of the many drums groups playing "our" music, the moving ceremonies that proceed the competition, and last but not least the wonderful smells from the vendor stands, especially the Indian tacos, are all memories that have stayed with me since last year, and I'm so anxious to repeat the experience.

If you have never toured our marvelous tribal complex, please make a point to do so and meet the friendly people there, and a must do is a visit to Esther and her staff in the gift shop and museum. But be forewarned, it is hard to walk out of there empty handed, they have such marvelous items for sale.

You golfers, be sure and bring your clubs to try the impressive Fire Lake course, and an absolute must is a meal at the Fire Lake Restaurant. I agree with my cohort in Oregon about the fantastic biscuits and gravy.

Of course, along with Pow Wow is the important Council Meeting. Among items on the agenda will be the result of the balloting. I sure hope you send for your absentee ballot if you can't attend in person. A show of support for our Tribal leaders is the best reward they could ask for devoting their time and energy in the best interests of all of us. If you have any questions when your ballot arrives, give me a call and I'll try to help you.

I have just completed plans for this year's Regional Council Meeting. It will again be held at Chief Hosa Lodge, but in September rather than October. We're trying to assure that we beat the snows. I would like to request your help once again. If you have access to a portable sound system for the Fire Circle or if you can help arrange for entertainment, please let me know.

Also, if you have ideas for games or issues you would like discussed, let me put them on the agenda. The unofficial word out of Shawnee is that there will be a horseshoe tournament. Seems one of our leaders has a title to defend. Any challengers from our region?

As always, I look forward to hearing from you, so give me a call, if just to say hello. If you have to leave a message, I will get back to you.

Norma Whitley

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**THE CAMPAIGNING
IS OVER, THERE'S ONLY
ONE THING LEFT TO SAY:**

VOTE!

I'm Hilton Melot and I plan to vote for Rocky Barrett. I hope you will, too!

Keep A Good Thing Going ... Vote For and Re-Elect
Chairman John A. 'Rocky'

BARRETT

Paid For By Hilton Melot

PORTLAND

Dear HowNiKan,

As the weather gets better, so do I. Each day makes me feel better. I thank each of you for your cards and calls. Your prayers for my recovery have really made it happen.

The Intertribal Dance Club of Salem had election of officers for the year. Joseph Baptiste was voted in on the board of Directors. They had a good attendance at the Pot Luck on May 1st. Then everyone went to the Chemawa Pow Wow in a group. It was fun to see all the young ones dancing up a storm. The weather is still kind of wet for outside pow wows but there is one somewhere just about every weekend. I even indulged in some fry bread. Boy was that good after all the hospital food.

Two of our local students were honored this past month. Brandon Davidson was chosen "Student of the Month". Brandon is a 2nd grader at Scared Heart Catholic School in Gervais, Oregon. This award is given for outstanding behavior and good citizenship. His teachers and parents are very proud of Brandon.

Katie Baptiste was chosen out of many young people to participate in the 9th annual Oregon Writing Festival, which was held Saturday, May 1st at Portland State University. It was sponsored by Oregon Council of the Teachers of English and the Oregon State Department of Education. Nine hundred students were invited from all over the state and of all ages. These students are called young authors and each was chosen from an original story they had written earlier. Katie is a fourth grader at Washington Elementary School in Woodburn, Oregon and is also in the Gifted and Talented group in her school. Katie is a grade A student (except for P.E.; Katie told me she hates P.E.) and she is learning her traditional dances and is applying for Honorary Princess for this year's Potawatomi Pow Wow, Aug. 28.

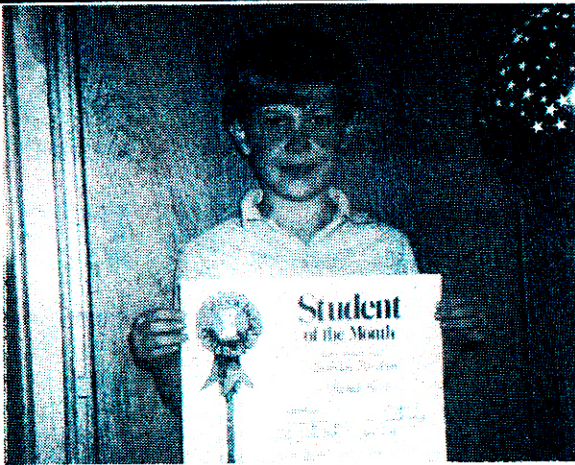
We are taking applications for other young girls to participate in our Honorary Princess court this year. Below is a list of the qualification to be eligible as a contestant.

1. Candidates must be enrolled tribal members.
 2. Candidates for Jr. Miss Potawatomi must be ages 13-17.
 3. Candidates for Honorary Princesses must be ages 8-13.
 4. Candidates will be required to wear their regalia as well as dance traditional. (Inter-tribal)
 5. Candidates are expected to be able to talk before a crowd.
- please call the office at 1-800-522-3744 for your application and we will mail it out to you. All application must be returned by Aug. 1, 1993...

Hope to see some of you at the Shawnee Pow Wow in June...
Migwech,

Rocky Baptiste

A child does not question the wrongs of grown-ups, he suffers them!



Brandon Davidson



Katie Baptiste

IMPORTANT? YOU BET!

Some people don't think this Tribal election is important. They say there's only one office on the ballot, so things won't change much no matter how wins. They say it doesn't matter whether they vote or not.

There's no way they could be more mistaken. This is a crucial election, as important as they come. In fact, it's critical.

What at stake is leadership. The outcome of this contest will determine which direction the Tribe takes for the next four years. John Barrett's way or Francis Levier's way? It's our choice.

My own ballot will be cast for Rocky Barrett. I have worked closely with both men and, to me, there's no comparison. Mr. Barrett is simply better qualified. He has done a good job for all of us. I am proud to have been part of the progress that our Tribe has achieved under his leadership.

This is an important election and it's important that you be a part of it. I hope you will join me in helping re-elect the most successful chairman in the modern history of the Citizen Band. But even if you feel the other way, it's vital that you vote. Your Tribe is depending on it.

Bob Davis

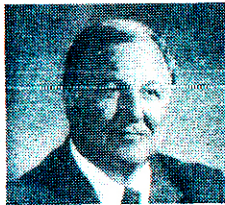
Secretary-Treasurer

Keep A Good Thing Going ... Vote For and Re-Elect

Chairman John A. 'Rocky'

BARRETT

Paid For By Bob Davis



MERCED

Bourzho from Northern California,

Once again, I feel as if time is speeding up ... there does not seem to be enough hours to do all I'd like to.

The highlight of this month was the wonderful article that the local paper, *The Merced Sun-Star*, did on our People and the Regional Meeting we held in Merced, on February 24th.

I've had calls from the community wanting to know more about our People as well as some local members of other tribes that would like to see a regional program such as we have. This has reinforced the importance of these regional meetings. If you don't appreciate what our leadership has done, just talk to some members of other tribes.

There have continued to be calls from our membership regarding some type of economic assistance for new business ideas as well as retraining aid. This seems to be an area of limited resources and if any of our members have input it would be greatly appreciated. If we can help even one family find a source for assistance it is meaningful.

The article Jeremy Finch wrote for our local paper has also evoked interest from the community. Anyone who desires a copy of the coverage locally, please call.

We've had the usual number of calls for the enrollment forms as well as other assistance. There have still been cards and letters coming in (2 months later) about how much people enjoyed the Regional Meeting.

Again, we have absentee ballot applications at the office in Merced and will mail them to you. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in the management of your Tribal government. The Roundfoot Drummers, who drummed at our Regional Meeting, send blessings to our members; I visited with several of them two weeks ago.

Well, as we count the days until the Pow Wow in Oklahoma, blessings to all of you and remember how important it is to take care of those coming into this world and those who are going out.

Megwetch,

Gary Bibb

PASADENA

Bourzho from Pasadena,

Recently, I led a tour of third graders through the Southwest Museum, Southern California's pre-eminent Native American collection. The kids were fascinated by the wealth of artifacts and the diversity within the Native American cultures. They had seemingly endless questions about the hows and whys of life back when Native people lived unmolested here on Turtle Island.

Whenever I talk to a group, especially kids, I like to point out to them that Native American life isn't all cold, dead, distant history. We are here now, with real lives, loves, preferences, and challenges. And we have every intention of surviving well into the future.

On this particular day, however, I had just read my April issue of *HowNiKan*, and it occurred to me that one of the challenges we have survived is ourselves.

At first reading, the campaigns of both political camps seemed contentious and combative, not at all reflective of the kind of harmony I have been seeing at our regional council meetings. Upon reflection, though, I realized that what we have going on here is the lively political exchange of a healthy democracy.

After all, only the most naive of us can think that real politics excludes heated emotions. The two candidates who are vying for the Chairman's seat are going at it in the time-honored tradition, and with a fair amount of style and humor, too. Clearly, both men care about the tribe and are willing to roll up their sleeves and fight for their vision of its survival and prosperity.

The real issue remains untouched by the heat and mayhem of the campaign: who is best qualified to lead us? It's not about personal style, family names, crossed wires, or personal grudges — it's about leadership.

On the 26th of this month, we will tackle the single most important decision likely to be put to our membership in our life times: who will lead us, at this critical juncture in our history, into the future? Who will do everything in his power to ensure our continued survival and even prosperity?

That decision, my fellow tribal members, is up to you.

In my opinion, ours is a sound and healthy system for the orderly selection of leadership. I'm enthused and inspired by what I see and read. This is the real thing, folks, and I, for one, am very glad to be a part of it.

Megwetch,

Jeremy Bertrand Finch

— See You At The Pow Wow —
June 25 - 27, 1993

- WHO CONTROLS THE BANKS?
- WHO CONTROLS THE NEWSPAPER?
- WHO CONTROLS ELECTION BOARD?
- WHO IS THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN?

LET'S TAKE CONTROL OF OUR TRIBE

VOTE LEVIER ☒

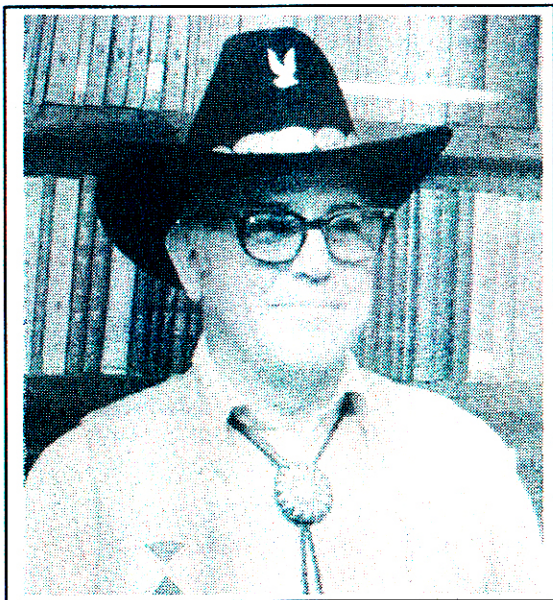
HE WORKS FOR YOU!

DR. FRANCIS LEVIER

FOR CHAIRMAN

Paid for by Dr. Francis Levier

VOTE BARRETT FOR CHAIRMAN



KENNETH E. PELTIER SR.

Former Secretary & Treasurer of Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe

I want to urge all of my family members of the PELTIER and BOURASSA heritage to support John A 'Rocky' Barrett for Chairman of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe. Also, all tribal members who supported me in the past.

Rocky has shown true leadership for many years. He has the education, experience, and knowledge of business to continue leading The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe.

Keep A Good Thing Going ... Vote For and Re-Elect

Chairman John A. 'Rocky'



BARRETT

Paid For By Kenneth E. Peltier Sr.

1993 Southern TEXAS REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

*April 24, 1993
Spring Creek Park
Tomball, Texas*



Paul (in headdress), Alma and Randall Craig represented three generations of their family at the gathering



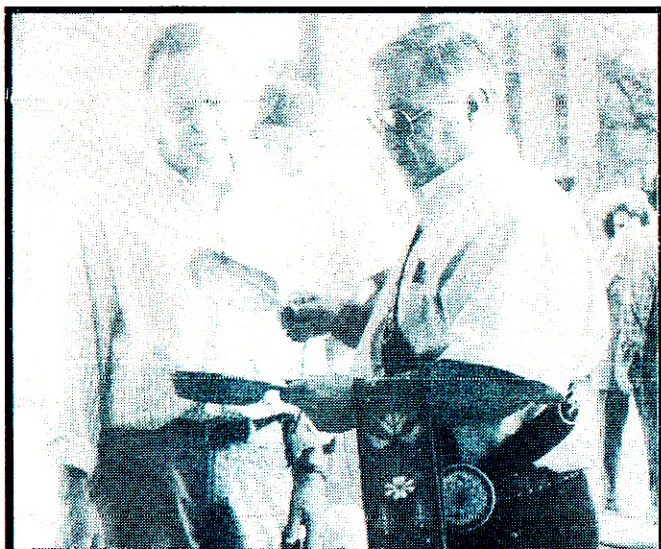
Obrey Alec, Head Singer, Alabama-Couskatta.



Wisest member present, Regina Turley, 85.



Youngest tribal member present, Hollis Stubenthal, 10 1/2 months, with his mother and Chairman Barrett. Hollis was also youngest at General Council last June - he was enrolled that morning!



Regional Coordinator Jeremy Finch watches Chairman Barrett prepare purifying smoke.



Chairman Barrett visits with Carla and Buddy Osborne.

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Gloria Trotter
& John Ellis*



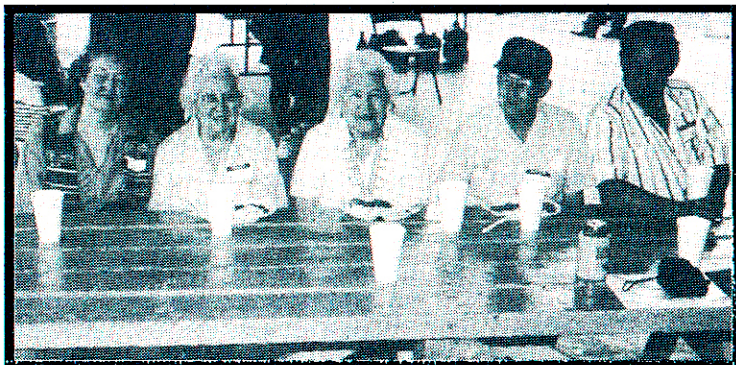
Houston Regional Coordinator Lu Ellis presented Chairman Barrett with an original piece of art after the meeting. Her husband, John, watches as she explains its use to Barrett.



Traveling farthest was Burt Raymond of Medena, New York, who received a cap.



Youngest Dancer, son of Obrey Alec.



Left to right: Lu Ellis, Alma Craig, Evelyn Whipple, John O. Whipple, John D. Whipple.



Tribal members gather for the Potawatomi two-step.



T.G. Swarb and Linda Capps.



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ACCOUNTING

The Accounting Office is responsible for fiscal maintenance of all tribal programs. This department consists of three accountants. Every transaction is generated by a fully computerized management program and all financial reports are generated by the computer. The Accounting Department produces all monthly, quarterly and annual reports. Daily input of transactions provide for current balances of every program.

Monthly revenue, expenditures and budget analysis are produced for each tribal program and are presented to the Business Committee each month.

We are currently responsible for 52 different funds. These include Federal, BIA, IHS and other various programs.

Personnel and payroll records are maintained in the Accounting Department and a current and accurate record of each employee is on file. The Accounting Department also handles the processing of the tribal employees' health insurance claims and the retirement program.

ADMINISTRATION

This department has received a prestigious award for the last four years. The 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991 audits won the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Excellence in Governmental Accounting.

The tribal administrator is responsible for overseeing and directing the daily operation of the tribe. This requires managing state/federal grants and contracts and providing supervision to the tribal enterprises. The administrator functions as the control center for administrative decisions such as fiscal control, reporting and grant/contract negotiations. He also acts as the tribe's representative to other tribes, agencies and organizations.

Effective daily operation of the tribe requires personnel who support and carry out the daily tasks of the tribe. The Tribe employs a number of people to fill this role. It is also the responsibility of the administrative staff to meet the goals and objectives set forth by the Business Committee and tribal council.

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

The Land Operations Officer is responsible for furnishing technical advice for use in performing the Bureau of Indian Affairs trust responsibilities to Indian owners as applicable to the development and conservation of their soil, plant, water and recreational resources; to assist them through technically coordinated programs to assume their responsibility in the conservation, use, development, management and educational processes as they pertain to farming and ranching. A farm plan, if warranted, includes installing fences, proper range and pasture management and carrying capacities of pasture land. Each tract of land is inspected several times throughout the year to monitor lease compliance.

The Land Operations Officer in charge of agriculture is responsible for (1) all surface leases of restricted Indian land (2) conservation and (3) environmental protection. This entails the conduct of one or two advertised leases sales per year for farming and grazing. Also, in cases where few land owners are involved leases may be negotiated. Work involves preparation of leases, collection of monies and distri-

bution to land owners. Conservation work included periodic inspections of all land both developed to insure sound farm practices for enhancement of the land. Water conservation and erosion control are high priorities. Farm plans must be complied with and these are evaluated through field inspections throughout the lease period. Environmental Assessment Statements are prepared for all leasing actions to insure compliance with the national Environmental Policy Act. Oil and gas field inspections are conducted to maintain compliance with federal regulations.

BINGO ANNEX

The past year has been a year of anxiety and continued success for the Potawatomi's gaming operation.

In early July, the tribe and the State of Oklahoma signed the first Class III Gaming Compact for casino style gaming. Shortly thereafter the tribe was forced into litigation over the validity of the states ability to negotiate for such gaming. The issue of the Potawatomi's future in Class III gaming is yet unsettled and the decision is in the 10 Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting a decision.

In the meanwhile we have totally remodeled the bingo hall both inside and out.

The inside was remodeled covering the sheet metal walls and the old sodium bulb lighting that gave off a orange hue of light was replaced with fluorescent lighting.

The outside of the building was painted and a new awning was placed around the building giving it a more modern appearance. The grounds around the building were covered with washed river rock and trees and shrubbery were planted for landscaping. The main entrance was covered and flower boxes were built flanking the entrance to add to the design.

As you can see we are constantly improving our gaming operation in both appearance and theme. We have a reputation of operating one of the nation's most respected gaming facilities, as well as the reputation of having the most friendly and accommodating staffs in the gaming industry. Those attributes greatly enhance the continued success of the Potawatomi Tribes gaming operation.

CONTRACT HEALTH

A new addition to the programs that the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe offers to its Oklahoma residents (Pottawatomie and surrounding counties only) is a contract health program. The purpose of the Contract Health Service is to obtain medical and dental care for tribal members that is not available in an Indian Health Service facility. An IHS physician will write a medical referral for the necessary care. Each referral is then prioritized in order of medical need, with medical care scheduled accordingly. Those referrals not established as acutely urgent will be placed on a deferred list and reviewed at a later date as funding becomes available. Services received without authorization by CHS will be the patient's responsibility.

Tribal members with life or limb threatening emergencies, that cannot be treated in an IHS facility, are advised to go the nearest emergency treatment center. The tribal member, or representa-

tive, is responsible for notifying our office within 72 hours (3 days) of the initial treatment. Emergencies that are determined as non-emergent will not be funded by Contract Health. These non-emergent services can be obtained at the Shawnee Indian Health Clinic or at various IHS hospitals.

Tribal members who have been recipients of past Contract Health programs, administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Health Service, may have been treated unjustly. Several tribal members are harassed by credit agencies or have experienced prejudice from physicians due to inadequate payment from IHS. We hope to re-establish pride for those receiving Contract Health Service.

For more information, contact the Contract health Office, located in the Administration Bldg. of the Potawatomi Tribal Office. Marla Taylor or Sheila Scott will be happy to assist you. Mon-Fri. (8:00am-5:00pm), call (405)275-3121 or 1-800-880-9880.

CONVENIENCE STORE

The Convenience Store continues to grow. We are getting a lot of out of town customers as well as local people. We have changed our store hours on Sundays. We are open from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.

The tribe signed a compact with the state earlier this year on tobacco products. We are paying one fourth of the state tax on the tobacco products we purchase.

The smoke shop which we opened in 1991 at the Bingo Hall continues to improve.

We have 13 full-time employees at this time. Most of them have been with us from one year to eight years. We also have 2 part timers.

ENTERPRISE

The Enterprise Accounting Office is responsible for the accounting records and the financial statements of the tribal enterprises (the Bingo Hall, Tribal Store, Museum/Gift Shop, Golf Course, and Restaurant) and for overseeing the internal audits of the First Oklahoma Band, N.A.

The tribe broke ground on April 22 for a new bank building which is greatly needed. The bank has been continually growing since Murlin Derebery became president.

We are very anxious to get our next enterprise underway, be it a casino or bowling alley, to be located in the building erected between the Bingo Hall and Tribal Store.

The Enterprise Accounting Office contributed once again to winning the Governmental Accounting Award for Excellence in Accounting for the 4th year in a row.

FIRELAKE GOLF COURSE

Fire Lake has had a very successful season once again. We attribute the fine year to the golf shop staff, maintenance crew and the staff working in the administration.

The golf shop is doing very well in sales; it's up about 10% from last year. I believe the increase in sales is due to the fact of good salespeople and better quality merchandise. We are carrying top of line merchandise in all areas of the golf business.

The golf course is proving its potential

as an asset not only to the tribe but to the whole community. This is the second year Fire Lake Golf Course has allowed the Shawnee Middle School and Shawnee High School to play and practice free. Out of three golf courses in Shawnee we were the only course that this could happen for them. The people and business of Shawnee have expressed their thanks to Fire Lake golf course not only in words but with their support in play. Being part of Fire Lake Golf Course just goes hand in hand with the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.

We have made a lot of improvements to the golf course again this year, which keeps the play up to par and increasing. This year we concentrated on clearing out the creek that runs through the course itself. We built three new tee boxes which will make the golf course a lot more difficult. We completely rebuilt 28 sandtraps which consisted of all new sand and drains. We rebuilt the pond on number 7 which not only saved 7 green but changed the looks of the hole for the better.

We added another 25 new trees which helps the overall appearance of the course. We added a new maintenance building that housed 70 golf carts and every piece of equipment we own. That keeps all of our equipment out of the elements of the weather. The spray program has been another successful project. We were trying to achieve 70% kill last year which we did. This year I believe we achieved about 85% kill come out in June and see for yourself.

At this time last year we were just putting the new driving range more accessible to the parking area. Which is okay, the driving range sales should go up from last year. We also have good new range bulbs to use this season.

Fire Lake will be hosting another 100 hundred plus golf tournaments this season. We are proud to hold the Pow Wow Tournament every year.

We are proud to say we have the 3-A State Tournament returning the Fire Lake Golf Course. To be able to host such a tournament is a privilege. We are hosting this tournament due to our fine golf course and the condition it stays in. Another good tournament is the 2A Regional Tournament. This is our third straight year to host this tournament. You have to be one of very finest golf courses in the state to be asked to host these two tournaments. Incidentally, I have been contacted by a representative of Class 5A for a regional tournament next year.

One final note the Fire Lake Restaurant has been a very fine complement to the golf course and our golf tournament.

Golf Professional Mike Wood

FIRELAKE RESTAURANT

In the past several months Fire Lake Restaurant has been making a very positive impact on our community. Our dedicated and talented kitchen and waitstaff ensure that every meal is top quality with service second to none. This has consequently helped us to lure large business and social organizations who traditionally used the country club for their major functions. Every month sales are increasing in popularity of the restaurant is spreading.

Our dining room has taken on a new

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complexion with lattice work panels surrounding the bar area and portable petitions providing privacy throughout the restaurant. In addition our kitchen required enlargement to accommodate more equipment to keep quality and production at its peak.

Fire Lake Golf Course has provided the restaurant with "built-in" business with daily lunch visits from the golf course staff as well as banquets for tournaments.

Potawatomi Bingo has also helped generate revenue by including the restaurant in promotional packages.

The Potawatomi Tribal Administration and Business Committee members have gone beyond the call of duty in support of the restaurant's endeavor.

We at Fire Lake Restaurant appreciate and are thrilled to be a part of the Potawatomi Tribe's continued success.

HEALTH SERVICES

Health Aid Foundation

Authorized by Citizen Band Potawatomi Resolution (Pot 77-3), the Health Aid Foundation continues to provide services to tribal members by assisting them with the purchase of devices such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, and prosthetic devices. During the last year we have served 566 members. This program is for you, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribal Member. Contact Health Services for an application.

Car Seat Loan Program

The Car Seat Loan Program, operated through the Indian Highway Safety Program, provided convertible car seats, booster seats and infant carriers seats. All Indians in the tribal area are eligible for these seats which are provided to parents with babies for up to one year. Seats are distributed after the client attends a one hour presentation and demonstration.

Number of applications received-106
Number of seats distributed-106
Number of seats returned -8
Number of seats returned and exchanged-5

Number reissued because of motor vehicle accident-1

Community Health Representative

The Community Health Representative Program is funded by Indian Health Services. This program continues to provide the following programs.

1. Medical Certification for children and their mother in the WIC Program.
2. Immunization follow-up and tracking.
3. In-home nursing assessment and follow-up care.
4. Medication deliveries
5. Local medical emergency transport
6. Staff to administer Car Seat Loan Program
7. Chronic illness screening such as blood pressure, blood sugar screenings.
8. Participation in the ICIC Program (Intervention Council for Indian Children) group working with developmentally delayed and/or at risk children in the Shawnee Service Area.
9. Environment health activities
10. Active in the State CHR Planning Committee
11. Act as a patient advocate for individuals unable to manage for themselves.

New Programs

1. In-Home Diabetic Education -10

families

2. In-Home Health Aide- 4 families at 2 hours a week each

3. Body Awareness Program - age 10-14 years old -20 children

Medication deliveries- 176

Number of contacts/Home visits-14,683

Number of phone contacts-1573

Number of Individuals screened-5,772

WIC participants certified-657

Health nutrition an child care education-657

Crisis intervention provided-27

Patient advocate-665

Transports-9

Training-186 hours

Referrals-232

Blood Pressure

This program is funded through Indian Health Services, a program established so that the Director of health Services can conduct certification classes for all Tribal CHR's.

Number of CHR's Certified-40

Indian Child Welfare

This program is operated under the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The overall goal of this program is the health and safety of our Indian Children and Families.

Number of neglect contacts-59
Number of sexual contacts-20
Number of physical abuse contacts-27
Number of emotional abuse contacts-31
Guardianship contacts-48
Court cases-88
Parenting class participants-341
Total number of current cases-72
Hours of training-220

Pharmacy

Pharmacy, operated by tribal funds, located in the Health Services Building, is staffed by a part-time pharmacist and assisted by the health services staff. It is open to tribal members and their dependents, including new enrollees. We are currently serving 26 members and dependents, with an approximate saving of 40%.

Social Services

The Social Services program is part of many contracted by the tribe from the Shawnee BIA Agency. The services we provide are the same as provided by the agency plus a little more. We are able to assist tribal members with funds not available to the BIA.

Individuals served-24
Amount of assistance-\$3,262

CSBG

Community Service Block Grant provides a range of services and activities having a measurable and potentially major impact on causes of poverty in the community.

Individuals served-61
Amount of assistance -\$637

Homeless

The Homeless grant is a one time assistance for overdue bills with a cut-off notice or an eviction notice. It will also assist the homeless in securing shelter.

Individuals served-25
Amount of assistance-\$455

LIHEAP

An energy assistance program targeting the elderly.

Individuals served-175
Amount of assistance-\$5,951.67

Social Services/Child Protection

Child Abuse contacts/visits-30

Child neglect contacts/visits-37

Substance Abuse contacts-99

Counseling-79

Court cases-17

Referrals-53

Substance Abuse Program/Babes

This program is funded through the Indian Health Services as the result of government interest is curbing the mounting drug problem. BABES is the primary use of teaching and focusing on the alcohol and drug problem that is involving the young, the age group which is focused on is 6-12 years.

BABES Presentation-195

Adults Served-3,713

Minors Served-6,827

Hours of Training-72.9

Child Care Block Grant

Twenty-five families (57) children received day care assistance averaging \$62 a month.

First Offender

Forty juveniles and their families completed a 7 week treatment course.

None for the Road

A Substance Abuse Prevention Program focused on high school students. Two programs ran in entire school systems (Tecumseh and Mustang).

Parent Aid

Thirty high risk families received weekly visits to assist with home management and parenting. All referred by D.H.S.

Family Violence Prevention

\$5,000 was given to support family violence shelter for Native Americans. \$4,000 was given to support Children's shelter for children temporarily removed from their homes.

HIGHER EDUCATION

The Higher Education Program continues to be operated by the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe through a federal contract with Bureau of Indian Affairs. The primary purpose of this program is to offer supplemental funding to eligible tribal members working toward a four (4) year bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. Financial need is determined by the college or university's financial aid office and is used to determine eligibility for assistance. Once a student is the recipient of a grant, continued aid is dependent upon his/her remaining in financial need, maintaining no less than a C average and carrying at least twelve (12) hours per semester.

Grades and a new class schedule are submitted to this office as soon as possible after each semester. A new financial need analysis is done annually and must be submitted prior to each new school year. Funding is done on a yearly basis and very seldom are students picked up at mid-year. Under some conditions part-time and summer school students may be funded but is not the norm and these requests are evaluated on an individual basis. Graduate students are rarely funded as the American Indian Graduate Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, provides aid for eligible students in this category.

Any questions regarding the Higher Education Program can be made in person or by phone, toll-free at 1-800-880-9880 or (405) 275-3121.

JTPA

JTPA Employment & Training Department:

During the past few years the Depart-

ment of Labor has changed the emphasis of the Job Training Program from that of mostly work experience to a new and necessary coupling of not only training but educational enhancement and counseling in order to motivate and enable individuals to progress stresses that each individual continues and expands their educational goals in order to obtain even higher goals. We can all see the benefit of this way of thinking. No longer do our programs simply place people in work experience situations unless the skill levels of an individual demands such placement. Our goal at the Citizen Band JTPA Office is to look beyond short term goals and employment. We work closely with area educational institutions which develop their plan around the need for certain skills and technical know how in coordination with industrial needs within the State of Oklahoma.

This emphasis requires that the JTPA Program target those at greatest risk, financially and educationally, based upon employment barriers targeted by the Department of Labor.

Job Training Partnership Act:

Program Year 92-93

Title IVA

Funded by the Division of Indian and Native American Programs, United States Department of Labor, Section 401, Title VI. The JTPA Program provided employment and training opportunities to eligible Native American's living in our four(4) county service area. This area consist of Cleveland, Lincoln, Payne, and Pottawatomie counties.

Participation in Program Activities:

Classroom Training 27

On-the-job-training 5

Work Experience 37

Community Service Employment 8

Total 74

Summer Youth Educational & Job Skills Enhancement Program

Title IIB

Program 93

The Summer youth Program will participate in a job skills enhancement program in Program Year 1993, however,our emphasis will be on those who have barriers to educational advancement and or need or work skills training.

They will be placed in a work experience situation either full or part time, depending on educational need that may be met within the duration of the program.

Participants will attend necessary educational enhancement classes and work experience situations for a combination of no more than 40 hours per week according to Department of Labor regulations. Work experience agreements are made with each employer of Summer youth participants for the length of the program.

A reading lab will be provided for students who wish to improve their reading capabilities and other basic subjects that may help the student in the following school year.

A Career Search Program Encompassing both Vocational and Education Enhancement will be offered to participants in place of a work site. This will be a fulltime, closed campus program conducted at Gordon Cooper Vo-tech.

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Continued from page 17 Adult Vocational Training:

The purpose of the Adult Vocational Training Program is to identify and assist eligible Indian people, residing in the Tribal Service Area, (old Reservation area), to acquire training for job skills necessary for full-time employment. The program also provides guidance and counseling to participants and helps assist them to make career choices. The program offers a variety of vocational training options, and helps them heighten their awareness of the job market.

Participation in Program Activities:

Total Participants 14
Completion 9
Discontinued 3
Total 26

Direct Employment:

The Employment Assistance Program is designed to assist Indian people who already have job skills, to obtain and retain permanent full-time employment. Service that are provided by the program, include but are not limited to vocational counseling, employment services, job placement and other job related services.

Assistance is provided to those eligible Indian participants residing in the Tribal Service area, (old reservation boundaries). Assistance may also be provided to participants who have found jobs outside the Tribal Service area and need to relocate to accept specific job.

Participation in Direct Employment Activities:

Total participants 05

LAW ENFORCEMENT

For the year ending 1992, approximately 59,115 miles were patrolled by the Potawatomi Tribal Police. Our function is to protect and serve the Indian communities and tribal enterprises 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We also assist other law enforcement agencies which, in turn, assist our department when needed. The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department has continued to maintain a good working relationship with all surrounding law enforcement agencies in this area.

Tribal officers assisted in juvenile problems domestic disputes, prowler calls, and various other crimes. The total number of arrests and assisting in arrests were approximately 46 for the year ending 1992. Tribal officers also served as bailiff for the tribal court program. Officers served papers such as summons, warrants, notice of hearing, etc.

The Potawatomi Tribal Police Department plays a crucial part in the protection of all tribal property and employees. The tribe has had no break-ins or attempted break-ins for 1992 due to the fact that our officers are on

patrol 24 hours a day seven days a week.

MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOP

You have heard the expression "how time flies." Well, it has for Connie and me here at the Museum and Gift Shop. We have been here four years this month.

When I started I had set some goals for myself and the museum and gift shop. Well, we have met most of them and I feel real good about being here. We have made changes and sometimes changes are good. I will be the first to say that I wasn't sure I could do this job. But we learned as we went and we made mistakes but we also grew in wisdom by our mistakes.

The visitors have almost tripled and the schools have doubled in visiting the museum. We have had new schools and Senior Citizens groups tour the museum. Our average monthly visitor is 375. This does not apply to the gift shop, because we have people who come to shop for supplies only.

Since we have been open on Saturdays we have a lot of out of town folks that come in for supplies during the winter months.

Our tourist season has just started this month and we are getting ready for Pow Wow and Pow Wow season here in Oklahoma.

We now have three part-time employees that are kept busy doing crafts such as beaded earrings, beading caps, making moccasins, dance fans and small drums. I am really proud of the people we have working with us; they are very talented and have great personalities.

We have also added Frankhoma Pottery, Ninnetonka Moccasins, and Pendleton jackets and caps to our inventory.

We are also selling Pendleton blankets to two different trading post in Iowa. They have just started business and can't get blankets from the company yet, so we were glad to help them out and it really helped us out.

We have helped schools by donating to the student Indian clubs for their winter dances, which has helped us in the selling of supplies.

We are working on getting new carpet and storage cabinets in the gift shop for storage.

We are looking forward to another good year and by setting goals, I feel we can say we will strive for 90 percent of reaching our goals.

Our mail orders have been great and have grown each year we have been here. The Regional Council meetings have also grown and we have done well selling items from the gift shop at the meetings. It is good to visit the tribal members at the regional council then later visit with them

on the phone when they call in a mail order. It is good to know our people that live all over the United States and that they are trying to keep in contact with the headquarters of the tribe. It makes me know that a lot of our tribal members want to be involved in getting back to traditional ways.

We have had a great year, Esther Lowden and Connie Baker

PERSONNEL OFFICE

The duties of the personnel office include the upkeep and maintenance of personnel files for each of the tribe's approximately 170 employees. This office develops job descriptions, advertises position vacancies and schedules interviews. The personnel office is an integral part of the tribal administration.

REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The Realty Director has the responsibility of administering the Real Property Management Programs by providing technical advice, assistance and documentation for all types of land transactions involving trust and/or restricted real property owned by the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe and individual members. We also have the responsibility for members of other tribes under jurisdiction of the Anadarko Area Office who own trust or restricted land within the boundaries of the Citizen Band Potawatomi reservation.

During this annual reporting period, the Superintendent, Shawnee Agency, has approved our casework on transactions including the following: Tribal fee to trust land acquisitions; fee patents; oil and gas leases; assignments; rights-of-way; business leases; Certificates of Eligibility for Public Domain Allotments; Communitization and Unitization Agreements; Probates and preparation of Wills.

Numerous pipeline rights-of-way have been approved for terms of 20 to 30 years. Some of these were for renewal grants of easements for pipelines laid 20 to 50 years ago.

Each month a list of deaths occurring in the previous month is mailed to the Administrative Law Judge and Land Titles and Records Office, and also to the other agencies and tribal offices. The Probate casework is transmitted to the Administrative Law Judge in Oklahoma City when we have obtained the necessary family history information, a death certificate, and Last Will and Testament, if one was executed. A property inventory is also furnished with the case.

Persons owning trust or restricted land interest under our jurisdiction can make an appointment with the Realty Director for

the preparation of a Last Will and Testament. These wills are approved as to form by the Regional Solicitor's Office in Tulsa and approved by the Superintendent, Shawnee Agency, before being filed and maintained by the Realty Office.

The Realty Office maintains a list of all producing oil and gas leases, and a monthly production report is received from Minerals Management Services, Denver, Colorado, on these leases. The information from these reports on any producing lease. This printout shows the product sold, date of sale, total sale, and total amount due the landowners for each lease.

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Serving as the administrator of the Scholarship Foundation, the office of Tribal Rolls awarded 87 scholarships totaling \$28,137.50 to students in 17 states. The scholarship applicants do have to meet income guidelines, proof of enrollment, cost of tuition and the number of hours they are carrying.

The Scholarship Foundation consists of a panel of four who make the final decision on the awards. The panel meets three times a year for the approval of the applicants.

New descendancy members are not eligible for Tribal Scholarships due to the funding derived from Judgement Funds awarded in Dockets 14-K, 29-J, 217, 15-M, 29-K and 146.

TAX COMMISSION

The tribe has a firmly entrenched tax program, administered and operated on a consistent basis. The Tax Commission is the regulating authority and provided the necessary oversight in the collection, accounting, and administration of tax dollars.

The Tax Commission is necessary to strengthen the Tribal Government by licensing and regulating certain conduct within the Tribal jurisdiction, to provide financing for expansion of Tribal Government, and to provide financing for expansion of Tribal Government operations and services in order for the Potawatomi Tribe to efficiently and effectively exercise its confirmed governmental responsibilities with the Indian Country subject to the jurisdiction of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

Tax dollars benefit the tribe in many forms, such as fostering regional councils to bring the government to the people and supplementing the total cost of government operations necessary to operate the tribe. Tax revenue also represents a tribe's ability to not rely completely on federal/state program dollars to support the functions and administration of the tribe.

TITLE VI

Administration on Aging
Grant #92070k2689

Dates: April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993

Nutrition and socialization are the goals of this program. Nutrition services are provided by meals served at the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Complex to our elderly and their spouses. For those who are homebound, we provide home deliveries.

For the program year 1992-1993 the following services were provided:

On Site Meals 10,250
Home Delivered Meals 4,500
Transportation 3,135 units
Information/Referral 1,055 units

Outreach 344 units
Telephone Calls 138 Units
Recreation 6,174 units
Social activities include table games, oil painting, dancing and arts and crafts. These activities are being provided on a rotation schedule.

We are always looking for Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal members to join us and support our programs. Please contact Lynda Poe or Denise Lackey for further information.

TRIBAL COURT PROGRAM

The past year has been a year of many changes for the Tribal Court Program. We began by welcoming three new Judicial Officers: Justice Truman Carter, Justice Linda Epperley, and Judge Gregory Bigler.

In August 1992, the Tribal Court was awarded a grant through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Because of this grant, we have been able to acquire a Public Defender and Magistrate. We have also been able to purchase a computer which we will use to track all cases.

In October 1992, the Iowa Tribe withdrew from the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Court to begin administering their court matters in Perkins, Oklahoma. All Iowa tribal court cases were transferred at this time; therefore, all cases filed and managed by the tribal court are cases involving members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe.

Tribal Court is in session at least twice a month. The Court Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TRIBAL ROLLS

In the past year, the office of Tribal Rolls has enrolled 824 new description enrollees and 91 members who met the previous blood quantum guidelines. We now have more than 18,000 enrolled members.

Upon receipt of the application for enrollment, the applicant is certified as being Citizen Band Potawatomi and the name is placed on a resolution and taken

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Business Committee for approval. All new descendency enrollees are issued a tribal membership card and blood degree letter. Those who were eligible for enrollment under previous guidelines are issued a tribal membership card with their blood degree listed on the card.

The office of Tribal Rolls does the typesetting for the HowNiKan, including history articles, donations to the HowNiKan, subscribers to the HowNiKan and letters from tribal members.

Our office takes care of the reservations for the yearly Pow Wow held during General Council. We take of RV parking, concessions and art and crafts booths and type the tax permits for the vendors.

All new Tribal members, name changes, address changes and deceased are not only encode in our computer, but also have to be done at the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Our office has just finished encoding the original Citizen Potawatomi Allottee in the computer for each tribal member, so that when there are blood degree appeals or research to be done on family trees, we can pull all descendants of the original allottee. It has taken a year and a half to encode and research these allottees, but will be well worth it in the future.

WIC PROGRAM

Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 as amended,

states in part that Congress finds that substantial numbers of pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants and children from families with inadequate income are special risk with request to their physical and mental health by reason of inadequate nutrition or health care, or both. The purpose of the WIC Program is to provide supplemental foods and nutrition education through payment of cash grants to state agencies, (the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians) which administer the program through local agencies at no cost to the eligible persons. The program serves as an adjunct to good health care during critical times of growth and development, in order to prevent the occurrence of health problems and to improve the health status of these persons.

In coordination with the Tribal CHR programs and Indian Health Services, participants are screened for health and nutrition related risk factors, income, and categorical eligibility. Eligible participants receive monthly vouchers for certain prescribed supplemental food containing nutrients determined to be beneficial by program regulations. These vouchers are redeemed by participants at authorized food vendors, who in turn, submit the vouchers to the WIC Program for payment.

In addition, nutrition and consumer education is made available to each participant to assist in achieving a nutritional

status and in the prevention of nutrition-related problems through optimal use of the supplemental and other nutritious foods. This is taught in the context of the ethnic, cultural and geographic preferences of the participants with consideration for educational and environmental limitations.

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian WIC Program serves an eight county area of Logan, Payne, Lincoln, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Seminole, Hughes, and Pottawatomie counties. During the past fiscal year (October 1, 1991 to September 30, 1992), the WIC Program served a monthly average of 195 women,

326 infants, and 590 children at an average food package cost of 35.75 person.

Standards for participants in the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian WIC Program are the same for everyone regardless of age, sex, race, color, national origin, or handicaps.



A Special Message From Vice Chairman Linda Capps To Friends and Family

This message is to express my support of John Barrett for re-election as the chairman of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe. I want to encourage all of my family and friends who are enrolled tribal members to come to the tribal complex the morning of June 26 and cast your vote for John. Then attend the council meeting at 1 to show him your support. His leadership has enabled our tribe to be one of the most respected and economically aggressive tribes in the nation. For those of you who live out of state and cannot physically attend, please request an absentee ballot and send in your vote. John holds the Navarre name in high esteem for the contributions that our people have made to Potawatomi history. We have an opportunity to stand up and be counted. Please vote!

Linda Moore Capps

(Granddaughter of Edward Anthony Navarre)

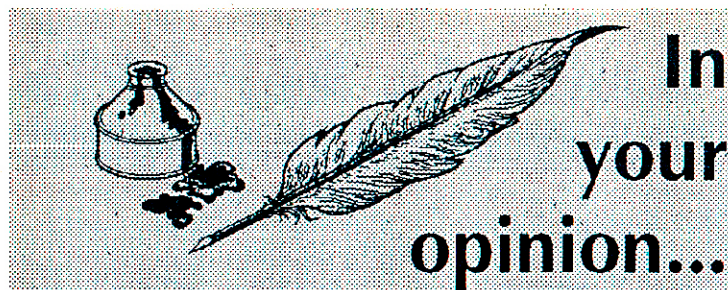
Vice Chairman, Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe

Paid For By Linda Capps

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC EVENTS FOR 1993:

June 18-19, 1993, 23rd annual ROUND BARN FESTIVAL, Rochester, Indiana, in Rochester City park. Arts and crafts, artists display of paintings, foods of many nations. Guided tours of round barns, restored one-room school, museums and historical sites. Free entertainment, dances, contest for kiddies, horseshoe pitching contest, and a softball journey. Parade Saturday at 10 a.m. No admission charge, open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Free parking at Rochester High School parking lot. Contact Round Barn Festival Inc., P.O. Box 512 Rochester, IN 46975, phone 219-223-6100.

Sept. 18-19, 1993, 18th annual TRAIL OF COURAGE Living History Festival, Rochester, Indiana, on Fulton County Historical Society grounds on north side of Tippecanoe River 4 miles north of Rochester on U.S. 31. Fulton County Museum & Round Barn Museum at north end of grounds. Historic encampments: French & Indian War, Voyageurs, Revolutionary War, Western Fur Trade, Plains Indian tepees, Woodland Indian wigwams. Muzzleloading shooting and tomahawk throwing contest, conclusion of Midwest Knife & Hawk Challenge. Historic canoe landing and fur trade skit, canoe rides, storyteller. Chippeway Village portrays frontier Northern Indiana of 1830's: 36 barn-board booths for pioneer and Indian crafts, general store, post office, and frontier blab school. Foods cooked over wood fires: buffalo burgers, ham & beans, stew, chicken & noodles, barbecue, apple dumplings, potatoes, Indian fry bread, more. Traditional crafts: barrel making, candle dipping, pewter casting, blacksmithing, ceramic pre-1840 Christmas ornaments, broom making, spinning & weaving, etc. Programs on stages of Chippeway Village & Hillside Amphitheater funded in part by Indiana Arts Commission: period music and dance, frontier fashion show, historic skits, Indian lore. Woodland Indian Village by Potawatomi & Miami Indians show traditional Indian crafts, weaving, basket making, tanning of hides, beadwork, in memory of 1838 Trail of Death. Free shuttle from museum and free parking lot to festival. Handicapped facilities. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$4 adults, \$1 children 6-12, free 5 and under. Contact Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E. 375 N. Rochester, IN 46975, phone 219-223-4436, museum open year around Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



In
your
opinion...

Colorado Potawatomi people have seen many changes

Dear Editor,

My grandfather Louis Navarre spent the winter 1884 near Denver, on his way home from California with his wife, my grandmother, and two infant daughters, Eva Lena, age 2, and Mamie but a few months old. He saw great potentials here. But his first love was always Oklahoma and Kansas.

It was his evaluation of Colorado that encouraged my parents to come to Colorado during the beginning of the depression; it was April 18, 1930. We stopped at Lamar, rented a farm, it was just a mile from Sand Creek, where the massacre and slaughter of many innocent babies, women and old helpless men were murdered, not an infant child was spared. The able bodied men were out hunting.

We lived for a while just a mile from where that massacre occurred. The General was court marshaled. This is recorded in Colorado history books. We soon learned that little or no respect was given to the Indians in their culture, also very little was done in their behalf. There was an Indian school near Grand Junction, which was soon closed and turned into a mental institution, which is still operation today one and one-half miles from Grand Junction. It is located on the Indian School road. We lived in Grand Junction many years. We moved there during the dust storms of the 1930's when our crops failed on the plains. There we saw disregard and no respect at all to Indians. There were several Kansas Prairie Band members — full bloods from Mayetta, Kansas. And are still here today. But we have a vast change coming.

With the tireless effort of Norma Whitley, who planned and completed the Regional Council Meeting, a beautiful and inexpensive Pow Wow, in a very beautiful location. It was at Camp Hasea in the Rochites with very interesting entertainment and Indian culture talent. This is one of the greatest achievements and progress I have seen in in my 63 years of residency in Colorado. She is working and planning more, much more. Also other tribes are contacting her. The closest federally funded hospital is Ship Rock, NM. A project she is working on is a federally funded Indian hospital here in Denver. She has aroused much interest in the need of all Native Americans.

Gladys Small
Denver, CO

Tribal Tracts

Tulsa firm to do part of tribal advertising work

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma has retained Feathergraphx, Inc. to handle a portion of the advertising, marketing and public relations for the tribe's economic development endeavors, which include Fire Lake Restaurant and Golf Course, a high-stakes bingo facility and the First Oklahoma Bank of Shawnee. The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe is the first tribe in the nation to buy a majority interest in an existing national bank.

According to Bob Davis, Secretary/Treasurer of the tribe, this working agreement between the Citizen Band Potawatomi and Feathergraphx, Inc., a 100% Indian owned corporation headquartered in Tulsa, furthers the unified efforts of all Indians in positioning the state's tribe as economic strongholds.

With more than 18,000 tribal

members, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe has its corporate complex in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Photo identified

The photo in the March HowNikan was partially identified by Mavis Tsotaddle of Shawnee. She recognized the man on the right as Lucian Bowers McKinney, father of James Noonan McKinney. (Grandpa "Smoke" Indian name Keo-zuck-quh). Mavis could not identify the man on the left.

HowNikan Donations

Vernon Motley, OK \$40
Margaret Covington, OK \$5
Gladys B. Small, CO \$15
Vernice A. Slaven, CA \$10
Laura & Stanley Dvorak, CA-\$25
Geraldine & Walter Allen, OR-\$15
Nora Foresman, KS-\$10
Fairy S. Gholston, TX-\$20
Roger Lewis, CO-\$10

Hominy regional council set June 6

This year's Tulsa, Oklahoma, area Regional Council meeting will be held at Hominy, Oklahoma, on June 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to tribal museum curator Esther Lowden, who has arranged the event.

The Tulsa area regional serves tribal members in Northeastern Oklahoma and Southeast Kansas. This year the outdoor event will be held on Osage tribal ceremonial grounds, thanks to special permission granted by that tribe. Lowden said it will mark the first time another tribe has been

allowed to use the grounds.

The Hominy Indian Village is located at Hwy. 99 and East 3rd Street in Hominy. Those coming should turn at Friends Church on the east corner and follow the flags.

A traditional meal will be served, but tribal members are asked to bring desserts. A tribal store will be on site, and Rusty Cozad, 1993 Pow Wow coordinator, will attend to play the drum. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling tribal headquarters at 1-800-880-9880.



Rusty Cozad

1992 TRIBAL AUDIT

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES, ACCOUNT GROUPS AND DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT
September 30, 1992

STATEMENT 1

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES					FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE		ACCOUNT GROUPS		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	TRUST AND AGENCY	GENERAL	LONG-TERM DEBT	GENERAL	LONG-TERM DEBT	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	COMPONENT UNIT	REPORTING ENTITY	REPORTING ENTITY
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,648	676,767	1,307,219	88,435	92,235	-	-	-	-	2,168,304	3,919,357	6,087,661	6,087,661
Investments	-	-	-	-	81,949	-	-	-	-	81,949	7,761,517	7,843,466	7,843,466
Cash value of life insurance	-	-	-	-	43,580	-	-	-	-	43,580	-	43,580	43,580
Receivables	-	137,730	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	137,730	-	137,730	137,730
Due from other governments	21,995	405,834	19,952	201,707	54,957	-	-	-	-	704,445	-	704,445	704,445
Accrued interest	-	-	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	92	302,694	302,786	302,786
Other	2,493	6,857	36,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,550	-	45,550	45,550
Inventory	-	3,956	290,907	-	-	-	-	-	-	294,863	-	294,863	294,863
Loans, net of allowance for loss losses of \$224,455	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,379,087	13,379,087	13,379,087
Restricted assets held in trust	5,771,420	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,771,420	-	5,771,420	5,771,420
Accrued interest on trust investments	61,060	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,060	-	61,060	61,060
Property and equipment	-	-	1,480,108	40,423	-	2,596,562	-	-	-	4,117,153	477,575	4,594,728	4,594,728
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,823	10,823	-	10,823	10,823
Other assets, net	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,375	47,375	47,375
Total Assets and Other Debits	5,860,636	1,231,144	3,134,538	330,565	272,721	2,596,562	10,823	13,436,969	25,887,605	39,324,574			
LIABILITIES	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES					FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE		ACCOUNT GROUPS		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	TRUST AND AGENCY	GENERAL	LONG-TERM DEBT	GENERAL	LONG-TERM DEBT	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	COMPONENT UNIT	REPORTING ENTITY	REPORTING ENTITY
Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,432,563	24,432,563	24,432,563
Cash overdraft	-	495	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	495	-	495	495
Accrued salaries	-	11,813	22,731	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,544	-	34,544	34,544
Accounts payable	13,313	84,669	85,416	185	1,137	-	-	-	-	184,720	-	184,720	184,720
Accrued interest and other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,906	69,906	69,906
Due to other funds	-	141,288	273,308	261,403	28,446	-	-	-	-	704,445	-	704,445	704,445
Estimated liability for insurance claims incurred but not reported	-	-	-	12,189	-	-	-	-	-	12,189	-	12,189	12,189
Current maturity of obligations under capital lease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,799	12,799	12,799
Accrued compensated absences	-	-	9,327	8,514	-	-	-	-	-	28,664	-	28,664	28,664
Total Liabilities	13,313	238,265	390,782	282,291	29,583	-	10,823	96,507	24,515,208	25,480,365			
FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES					FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE		ACCOUNT GROUPS		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	TRUST AND AGENCY	GENERAL	LONG-TERM DEBT	GENERAL	LONG-TERM DEBT	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	COMPONENT UNIT	REPORTING ENTITY	REPORTING ENTITY
Contributed capital	-	-	254,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	254,500	-	254,500	254,500
Investment in fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	2,596,562	-	-	-	2,596,562	-	2,596,562	2,596,562
Fund balance:	5,771,420	-	-	-	243,138	-	-	-	-	6,014,558	-	6,014,558	6,014,558
Reserve in trust	-	433,457	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	433,457	-	433,457	433,457
Reserve for program activities	75,883	559,422	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	635,305	-	635,305	635,305
Unreserved, undesignated	-	-	2,489,256	48,274	-	-	-	-	-	2,537,530	-	2,537,530	2,537,530
Retained earnings - unreserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Component Unit Fund Equity:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,348,600	2,348,600	2,348,600
Contributed capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,059,315)	(1,059,315)	(1,059,315)
Deficit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83,112	83,112	83,112
Minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fund Equity and Other Credits	5,847,303	992,879	2,743,756	48,274	243,138	2,596,562	-	12,471,912	1,372,397	13,844,309			
Total Liabilities, Fund Equity and Other Credits	5,860,636	1,231,144	3,134,538	330,565	272,721	2,596,562	10,823	13,436,969	25,887,605	39,324,574			

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
Period Ended September 30, 1992

STATEMENT 2

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	
Revenues:			
Federal grants and contracts	\$ -	2,204,241	2,204,241
Head Tax received from Gaming Operation	-	543,672	543,672
Cigarette and Sales Tax Revenue	-	141,471	141,471
Revenue from trust investments	357,973	-	357,973
Interest revenue	976	29,976	30,952
Other revenue	33,255	121,567	154,822
Total Revenues	392,204	3,040,927	3,433,131
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Government	508,378	611,581	1,119,959
Health and Human Services	-	1,491,135	1,491,135
Education and Job Training	-	570,382	570,382
Economic Development	-	71,881	71,881
Capital outlay:			
Fixed asset purchases	18,027	116,298	134,325
Total Expenditures	526,405	2,861,277	3,387,682
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(134,201)	179,650	45,449
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in	570,878	592,042	1,162,920
Operating transfers out	(542,545)	(947,563)	(1,490,108)
Total other sources (uses)	28,333	(355,521)	(327,188)
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	(105,868)	(75,871)	(281,739)
Fund balance, beginning of period	5,953,171	1,168,750	7,121,921
Fund balance, end of period	\$ 5,847,303	992,879	6,840,182

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STATEMENT 3

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, BUDGET AND ACTUAL
BUDGETED GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
Period Ended September 30, 1992

	GENERAL FUND			BUDGETED SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:									
Federal grants and contracts	\$ -	-	-	1,648,307	1,097,410	(550,897)	1,648,307	1,097,410	(550,897)
Other revenue	750,925	392,204	(358,721)	6,943	69,650	62,707	757,868	461,854	(296,014)
Total Revenues	750,925	392,204	(358,721)	1,655,250	1,167,060	(488,190)	2,406,175	1,559,264	(846,911)
Expenditures:									
General government	690,925	508,378	182,547	-	-	-	690,925	508,378	182,547
Health & human services	-	-	-	1,196,444	833,050	363,394	1,196,444	833,050	363,394
Education & job training	-	-	-	459,031	291,884	167,147	459,031	291,884	167,147
Capital Outlay	60,000	18,027	41,973	5,500	21,141	(15,641)	65,500	39,168	26,332
Total Expenditures	750,925	526,405	224,520	1,660,975	1,146,075	514,900	2,411,900	1,672,480	739,420
Revenue over (under) expenditures	-	(134,201)	(134,201)	(5,725)	20,985	26,710	(5,725)	(113,216)	(107,491)
Other financing sources (uses):									
Operating transfers in	-	570,878	570,878	5,725	13,911	8,186	5,725	584,789	579,064
Operating transfers out	-	(542,545)	(542,545)	-	(13,805)	(13,805)	-	(556,350)	(556,350)
Total other sources (uses)	-	28,333	28,333	5,725	106	(5,619)	5,725	28,439	22,714
Revenue and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	-	(105,868)	(105,868)	-	21,091	21,091	-	(84,777)	(84,777)
Fund balance, beginning of period	-	5,953,171	5,953,171	-	-	-	-	5,953,171	5,953,171
Fund balance, end of period	\$ -	5,847,303	5,847,303	-	21,091	21,091	-	5,868,394	5,868,394

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

STATEMENT 4

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS / FUND BALANCES
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES, SIMILAR TRUST FUND AND DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT
Period Ended September 30, 1992

	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY PUND TYPE	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS		PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	COMPONENT UNIT	
Operating Revenues:						
Sales	\$ 6,901,838	-	-	6,901,838	-	6,901,838
Concessions	237,228	-	-	237,228	-	237,228
Golf cart rentals	153,974	-	-	153,974	-	153,974
Employer contributions	-	-	70,881	70,881	-	70,881
Employee contributions	-	-	36,263	36,263	-	36,263
Charges to other programs and funds	-	711,395	-	711,395	-	711,395
Other	31,004	1,480	-	32,484	36,978	69,462
Interest income	-	-	-	-	1,769,294	1,769,294
Service fees on deposit accounts	-	-	-	-	256,506	256,506
Total Operating Revenues	7,324,044	712,875	106,344	8,143,263	2,062,778	10,206,041
Operating Expenses:						
Cost of sales	3,940,416	-	-	3,940,416	-	3,940,416
Salaries	914,499	269,580	-	1,184,079	501,532	1,685,611
Fringe benefits	198,130	61,769	-	259,899	-	259,899
Utilities and maintenance	200,961	94,681	-	295,642	-	295,642
Materials and supplies	295,807	5,488	-	301,295	-	301,295
Travel and training	11,380	38,289	-	49,669	-	49,669
Telephone and postage	-	26,478	-	26,478	-	26,478
Legal and technical	91,707	-	-	91,707	-	91,707
Publishing	-	30,062	-	30,062	-	30,062
Contract services	168	81,697	-	81,865	168,003	249,868
Advertising	55,898	-	-	55,898	-	55,898
License & fees	19,995	-	-	19,995	-	19,995
Insurance	24,340	89,153	16,285	129,778	-	129,778
Depreciation	150,892	2,000	-	152,892	-	152,892
Bingo Head Tax remitted to Tribal governmental funds	543,672	-	-	543,672	-	543,672
Insurance claims	-	61,606	-	61,606	-	61,606
Other	55,159	-	2,165	57,324	299,233	356,557
Interest expense on deposits	-	-	-	-	792,503	792,503
Provision for loan losses	-	-	-	-	284,406	284,406
Occupancy	-	-	-	-	65,892	65,892
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-	56,991	56,991
Business development	-	-	-	-	65,492	65,492
Losses and expenses on other real estate	-	-	-	-	21,491	21,491
Total Operating Expenses	6,503,024	766,803	18,450	7,288,277	2,255,443	9,543,720
Net Operating Income (loss)	821,020	(47,928)	87,894	860,986	(192,665)	668,321
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):						
Interest income	35,680	1,212	10,600	47,492	-	47,492
Interest expense	(11,271)	-	-	(11,271)	-	(11,271)
Gain on sale of securities	-	-	-	-	4,679	4,679
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	357	357
Income (loss) before operating transfers	845,429	(46,716)	98,494	897,207	(187,629)	709,578
Operating Transfers:						
Operating transfers in	1,003,516	-	-	1,003,516	-	1,003,516
Operating transfers out	(661,665)	(14,663)	-	(676,328)	-	(676,328)
Net operating transfers	341,851	(14,663)	-	327,188	-	327,188
Net Income (loss) before extraordinary items	1,187,280	(61,379)	98,494	1,224,395	(187,629)	1,036,766
Extraordinary gain on early extinguishment of long-term debt	124,336	-	-	124,336	-	124,336
Net Income (loss)	1,311,616	(61,379)	98,494	1,348,731	(187,629)	1,161,102
Retained earnings / fund balance beginning of period	1,177,640	109,653	144,644	1,431,937	(939,974)	491,963
Retained earnings / fund balance end of period	\$ 2,489,256	48,274	243,138	2,780,668	(1,127,603)	1,653,065

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

STATEMENT 5

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES, SIMILAR TRUST FUND AND DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT
Period Ended September 30, 1992

	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY PUND TYPE	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS		PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	COMPONENT UNIT	
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net Operating Income (loss)	\$ 821,020	(47,928)	87,894	860,986	(187,629)	673,357
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:						
Depreciation	150,892	2,000	-	152,892	66,106	218,998
Gain on sale of securities	-	-	-	-	(4,679)	(4,679)
Gain on disposal of fixed asset	-	-	-	-	(357)	(357)
Premium amortization - securities	-	-	-	-	40,394	40,394
Discount accretion - securities	-	-	-	-	(5,372)	(5,372)
Provision for possible loan losses	-	-	-	-	284,406	284,406
Provision for losses on other real estate	-	-	-	-	(7,842)	(7,842)
(Increase) Decrease In:						
Due from other funds	(17,144)	3,913	(3,626)	(16,857)	-	(16,857)
Accounts receivable	(15,678)	-	-	(15,678)	-	(15,678)
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	-	-	-	-	272,775	272,775
Inventory	(83,400)	-	-	(83,400)	-	(83,400)
Increase (Decrease) In:						
Accrued salaries payable	8,635	-	-	8,635	-	8,635
Interest payable and other liabilities	-	-	-	-	(11,564)	(11,564)
Accounts payable	65,963	(2,546)	-	63,417	-	63,417
Due to other funds	52,572	153,170	-	205,742	-	205,742
Accrued compensated absences	1,751	3,817	-	5,568	-	5,568
Estimated liability for insurance claims incurred but not reported	-	(7,442)	-	(7,442)	-	(7,442)
Net cash provided by operating activities	944,611	104,984	84,368	1,133,963	446,238	1,620,101
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Interest received	35,680	1,212	10,600	47,492	-	47,492
Purchase of investments and life insurance policies	-	-	(73,782)	(73,782)	(6,467,664)	(6,541,446)
Proceeds from sale of investment securities	-	-	-	-	639,245	639,245
Proceeds from maturity and principal paydowns of investment securities	-	-	-	-	1,936,259	1,936,259
Net decrease in loans	-	-	-	-	(2,000,243)	(2,000,243)
Net cash provided by investing activities	35,680	1,212	(63,182)	(26,290)	(5,892,403)	(5,918,693)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:						
Interest paid on long-term debt	(11,271)	-	-	(11,271)	-	(11,271)
Debt principal payments	(421,196)	-	-	(421,196)	-	(421,196)
Purchase of property & equipment	(392,897)	(24,000)	-	(416,897)	(38,737)	(455,634)
Extinguishment of lease obligation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments on capital lease obligations	-	-	-	-	(2,050)	(2,050)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	(825,364)	(24,000)	-	(849,364)	(40,787)	(890,151)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:						
Operating transfers in	1,003,516	(14,663)	-	988,853	-	988,853
Operating transfers out	(661,665)	-	-	(661,665)	-	(661,665)
Net increase in demand deposits N.O.W. and savings accounts	-	-	-	-	2,136,412	2,136,412
Net increase in time deposits	-	-	-	-	5,050,756	5,050,756
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	341,851	(14,663)	-	327,188	7,187,168	7,514,356
Net increase (decrease) in cash	536,778	67,533	21,068	625,379	1,700,216	2,325,613
Cash at beginning of year	770,441	20,902	69,603	860,946	2,219,141	3,080,087
Cash at end of year	\$ 1,307,219	88,435	90,671	1,486,343	3,919,357	5,405,700

Joe Dudley's book about Sioux family wins national award

Joseph Iron Eye Dudley's *Choteau Creek* has won one of this year's Christopher Awards. The book, published last fall by the University of Nebraska Press, was honored in a February ceremony in New York City, along with other recipients including motion picture "Howards End," television special "The Broken Cord," and book *The Measure of Our Success* by Marian Wright Edelman. The annual awards are sponsored by the Christophers, a non-profit organization based on the Judeo-

Christian concept of service to God and to humanity.

Choteau Creek: A Sioux Reminiscence is the story of Joe Dudley's childhood with his maternal grandparents, Bessie and William Bourissau, on the Yankton Sioux reservation in southeastern South Dakota. From 1943 when he was three years old until 1956, the Bourissaus raised Dudley, teaching him by their own careful example the traditional Native American values that have withstood the pressures of the modern world.

"Much has been written," Dudley observes, "by and about Native American people who are active in political and social movements, and much has been said about the appalling conditions of reservation life. This book is about the common, quiet people who never make the headlines or find their names in print. They are the backbone of the reservation, the ones who pass on the values that make Native Americans what they are. This story of my grandparents reminds us that there is a spirit in

people which enables them to rise above the potential devastation of poverty and racism into a life marked by humor and laughter, one that radiated love and kindness.

"There was a time when I referred to my grandparents' home, that little brown house where I was raised, as out in the middle of nowhere," Dudley writes. "Yet that is where I learned the social, cultural, and spiritual values that have stayed with me everywhere I have been."

In March, Dudley also received the Distinguished Service Award by the United Tribes of North Carolina. The award recognizes his service to the Native American community in Greensboro, NC, where he currently lives. In the past several years, he has been instrumental in establishing an active Native American congregation there and in counseling local Native American college students as well as high school students and their parents.



ANNUAL ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Your Right To Know: What Is The Tribe Doing and How Is It Doing It?

The tribal attorney has provided continuing advice to the members of the Business Committee on a variety of matters. As in previous years, most of this fiscal year's expenditures for the tribal attorney expenses have arisen from litigation.

However, a significant portion of the tribal attorney expense during this fiscal year is associated with tribal/state negotiations. The Tribe's continuing struggle with the Oklahoma taxing authorities concerning a cigarette tax assessment were finally resolved with a compact. After the Tenth Circuit reversed the tribe's victory over a beer license dispute, negotiations for a compact were initiated. The tribe lost two district court decisions that were promptly appealed.

I. Litigation. The litigation has been in three main areas:

A. Gaming

1. Bingo. During the last eight years, four cases have arisen out of the Tribe's successful effort to regain control over the tribal bingo game.

This litigation finally terminated during the last fiscal year. The results are that the Tribe has regained control over its own game, and judgments have been entered in favor of the Tribe against: (1) Enterprise Management Consultants, Inc. (2) EMCI Property Management, Inc. (3) Leroy Wheeler and (4) John Clark Caldwell, III. The judgments against Wheeler and Caldwell were discharged when both filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceedings. Enterprise and Wheeler appealed to the Tenth Circuit who remanded the Enterprise judgment to the district court for additional finding and sanctioned Wheeler for appealing. On remand, the district court rendered judgment in favor of the Tribe and against Enterprise Management Consultants, Inc., and assessed a new judgment of \$3,044.19 against Wheeler. Wheeler's subsequent appeal was dismissed Wheeler paid most of the new judgment.

2. Class III. In September 1991, the Tribe and the State of Oklahoma entered negotiations, pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, for a Class III gaming compact. Negotiations culminated with the signing of a compact between the Tribe and Oklahoma Governor David Walters in July, 1992 for video lottery terminals. The compact was approved by the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations in August and by the United States Secretary of the Interior in October. After approval by the Secretary, the Tribe filed suit against the United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma to obtain a declaration that the Johnson Act, which prohibits "gambling devices" in Indian Country, did not bar the compact. The district court rendered a judgement in favor of the United States Attorney in February, 1993, and the Tribe immediately appealed to the Tenth Circuit, which granted the Potawatomi motion to expedite and scheduled oral argument for 9 a.m. on May 12.

B. Taxes

The Tribe's fight with the Oklahoma Tax Commission has been evolving from litigation confrontation to negotiation. Two suits involving the Commission were decided in the Tenth Circuit.

1. Cigarette — The attempt to assess the Tribe with a cigarette tax for sales by the Tribe from 1981 through 1985 has been finally defeated. The Tenth Circuit previously held in favor of the Tribe. Although the Commission's petition for certiorari was granted, the United States Supreme Court did not allow the assessment and reaf-

firmed Tribal sovereignty. On remand, the Tenth Circuit and District Court entered orders granting the Tribe an injunction and dismissing the Commission's counterclaim. The Commission appealed the District Court's order back to the Tenth Circuit which again affirmed.

2. Beer — The Tribe was granted an injunction prohibiting the Commission from interfering with the sale of non-intoxication beverages on trust land. The Commission appealed this decision to the Tenth Circuit, which reversed the judgement for the tribe and dissolved the injunction.

C. Sovereignty

The Tribe has also defended three suits relating to sovereignty.

1. Business Committee — Former employee Pat Sulcer, a non-tribal member, sued four members of the Business Committee alleging that the elected body of the Tribe did not have the authority to terminate her employment with the Tribe. The Potawatomi Supreme Court affirmed dismissal of this suit. Sulcer then filed an action in the federal district court, where the Tribe's motion to dismiss was granted. Sulcer appealed to the Tenth Circuit which affirmed the order of dismissal.

2. Tribal Court Judgement — Sulcer challenged the jurisdiction and integrity of the Tribal Court in an action brought in the district court for Cleveland County. Sulcer argued that state courts should not recognize tribal divorce decrees, that the Tribal Court could not exercise jurisdiction over an Oklahoma resident, and that tribal jurisdiction was obtained through fraud, duress and misrepresentation. The state district court dismissed her suit and told her to take her jurisdictional claims to tribal court. Sulcer did refile in tribal court where she lost her jurisdictional challenge. However, she also appealed the Cleveland County dismissal. Although the State Court of Appeals reversed and denied a motion for rehearing, a petition for certiorari was granted April 20, 1993, and the case is pending before the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

3. Potawatomi Reservation — The Tribe sued the Anadarko Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. L.W. Collier, Jr., when he claimed that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Indians has the same reservation boundaries as the Potawatomi. Thus, the BIA refused to follow federal regulation and secure the written permission of the Potawatomi prior to taking land in trust for the Absentee Shawnee within the Potawatomi reservation boundaries. The district court dismissed the action, without deciding the merits, on the basis that the Potawatomi had failed to join an indispensable party, to-wit: the Absentee Shawnee. The Potawatomi appeal to the Tenth Circuit is pending.

II. Litigation Summary. In general, the goal in litigation has been to achieve the best result for the Tribe in the quickest possible time. To assist non-lawyers in evaluating this report, the summary set forth below has been prepared. If a matter is still pending, the period is to the date of this report.

A. Goals obtained this fiscal year:

1. Obtained and collected Judgment against Leroy Wheeler.
2. Tenth Circuit enters mandate affirming permanent injunction against Commission from assessing Tribe with tax.
3. Oklahoma recognized that Tribal Court divorce decrees binding in Okla-

homa Courts.

4. Termination of Sulcer federal suit.

B. Goals not yet obtained:

1. Declaratory judgment on Class III gaming — The district court refused to grant declaratory judgment that the Johnson Act does not apply to a Class III gaming compact. The tribe's appeal is pending.

2. Permanent Injunction of Commission beer licences effort dissolved — Although the Commission was enjoined by the district court from interfering with the sale of beer to the Potawatomi, this order was reversed by the Tenth Circuit.

3. Mandamus/Declaratory Judgment on Absentee Shawnee — The district court refused to recognize the Potawatomi Reservation boundaries as exclusive to the Absentee Shawnee. The tribe's appeal is pending.

4. Recognition of Tribal Decrees — Although the court of Appeals has recognized a tribal divorce decree, it has yet to recognize an order by the tribal court denying jurisdictional challenge.

III. Litigation Details. Hereafter, a detailed report is provided for each case:

A. U.S. Ex Rel. the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma V. Enterprise Management Consultants, Inc., No. Civ-86-1171-A (U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D. Okla. May 27, 1986), appeals filed, nos. 90-6363, 6365, 6366, 6369 (10th Cir. Ct. App. Nov. 20, 1990), No 91-5230 (10th Cir. Ct. App. June 17, 1991).

This case was resolved after several actions were filed in district court, appeals taken to the Tenth Circuit, and petitions for writ sought in 2,372 days or 6.5 years.

1. June 4, 1990 — Judgment after default against EMCI Property Management, Inc. in the amount of \$2,889,941.25

2. June 4, 1990 — Order declaring the business lease between the Tribe and Enterprise terminated and awarding the Tribe \$3,575,286.88.

3. May 2, 1990 — Judgments for Tribe entered against Caldwell (\$964,970.00) and Wheeler (\$630,638.00).

4. September 30, 1991 — Caldwell's appeal is dismissed by the Tenth Circuit.

5. June 25, 1992 — Tenth Circuit remands case to district court to make further analysis and findings regarding judgment against EMCI. Tenth Circuit, however, awards Tribe sanctions against Wheeler because his "appeal had no apparent purpose."

6. November 17, 1992 — District court enters judgment in the amount of \$3,539,305.72 against EMCI.

7. November 23, 1992 — Court awards Tribe \$3,044.19 as sanction against Wheeler for filing a frivolous appeal.

B. The Citizen Band Indian Tribe of Oklahoma V. The Oklahoma Tax Commission, No. CIV-87-0338-W (U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D. Okla. Feb 18, 1987), on appeal, 888 F. 2d 1303 (10th Cir. 1989), affirmed in part, rev. in part sub nom. Oklahoma Tax Commission V. Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, 111 S. Ct. 905 (1991). On remand, appeal No. 91-6301 (10th Cir. Ct. App. Aug. 23, 1991).

On February 1, 1987, the Oklahoma Tax Commission (Commission) served a proposed \$2.6 million cigarette tax assessment on the Chairman of the Business Committee. As subsequently developed, this was clearly a mistake. After the Tribe filed suit seeking an injunction against the proposed assessment, the Commission immediately changed the assessment to the Tribe. After a hearing and following the filing of briefs, the Tribe's request for a

preliminary injunction was granted. The parties thereafter stipulated to all material facts and submitted the case to the court on briefs.

Thereafter, a permanent injunction was entered barring Commission from assessing the Tribe with a tax. However, the judgement also declared that the tribe was to cooperate with the Commission in collecting and remitting cigarette tax on cigarette sales by the tribe to non-tribal members. Both parties appealed.

The Tenth Circuit issued an opinion finding that Oklahoma did not have jurisdiction within Indian country and remanded to the district court to enter an order permanently enjoining Oklahoma from using its taxing and/or regulatory authority to impose a tax upon the Tribe.

The Commission petitioned for review by the United States Supreme Court. After oral argument, the Supreme Court issued a decision that affirmed all of the material aspects of the Tenth circuit decision but reversed some language suggesting that the fact that Oklahoma was not a Public Law 280 state made a difference in cigarette taxing case law. The Tenth Circuit subsequently affirmed its previous opinion except for the language conflicting with the Supreme Court decision. The case was remanded to the District Court for entry of the permanent injunction. After entry of an injunction, the Commission appealed. The Tenth Circuit affirmed the judgment for the tribe.

This case was resolved from the District Court through the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court in 1,973 days or 5.41 years.

1. February 18, 1987 — Complaint filed.

2. March 10, 1987 — Preliminary injunction granted.

3. September 29, 1987 — Mandatory injunction entered.

4. May 6, 1988 — Permanent injunction entered.

5. November 29, 1989 — Tenth Circuit finds Oklahoma does not have jurisdiction in Indian Country and directs it be enjoined from enforcing its taxing and regulatory powers in Indian Country.

6. February 26, 1991 — U.S. Supreme Court issues opinion affirming in part and reversing in part.

7. May 16, 1991 — Tenth Circuit issues order on remand from the Supreme Court.

8. July 13, 1991 — On remand, District Court enters order granting Tribe's permanent injunction and dismissal Commission's counterclaims.

9. July 14, 1992 — Tenth Circuit affirms injunctive relief granted to the Tribe by the district court.

C. The Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma V. The Oklahoma Tax Commission, U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D. Okla., No. Civ-90-238-W, on appeal No. 91-5302 (10th Cir. Ct. App. Aug. 23, 1991).

On or about January 16, 1990, the Oklahoma Tax commission notified beer distributors selling to the Tribe that it would be unlawful for the distributors to sell beer to any person or entity not licensed by the State of Oklahoma. The Tribe does not hold an Oklahoma distributor's license and had been selling beer for three years without such a licence. When the Commission would not reverse its policy which would have resulted in the Tribe being unable to purchase beer for resale, the Tribe filed an action for injunctive relief.

The Court granted the Tribe's motion for a preliminary injunction. Thereafter, all

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actions in the case were stayed pending the Supreme Court decision in the cigarette tax case. When the Supreme Court decision in the cigarette tax case was issued, the Commission moved to lift the injunction. The Tribe successfully opposed this motion. The Court subsequently granted the Tribe's motion for summary judgment and issued a permanent injunction against the Commission. The Commission appealed. The Tenth Circuit reversed the judgment for the tribe.

This case in the district court and on appeal took 955 days or 2.62 years.

1. February 9, 1990 — Complaint filed.
2. February 15, 1990 — Preliminary injunction granted.
3. May 2, 1990 — Order staying all proceedings pending outcome of cigarette tax case filed.

4. March 26, 1991 — Order denies Commission's motion to lift temporary injunction.

5. May 10, 1991 — Both parties present additional authorities on cross-motions for summary judgment.

6. May 13, 1991 — Plaintiff's Motion for Summary judgment.

7. May 28, 1991 — Plaintiff's Response to Supplemental Brief of the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

8. August 13, 1991 — District Court enters judgment enjoining Commission from interfering with Tribe's sale of non-intoxicating beverages (beer).

9. August 23, 1991 — Commission files notice of appeal.

10. May 11, 1992 — Tribe and Commission argue merits of appeal in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

11. July 16, 1992 — Tenth Circuit issues opinion reversing decision of the district court with instructions to vacate injunctions granted by district court.

12. July 30, 1992 — Tribe files Petition for Rehearing and Suggestion for Rehearing En Banc.

12. September 21, 1992 — Tenth Circuit denies Petition for Rehearing and withdraws opinion issued July 16, 1992. This later opinion, however, also reverses decision and vacates the injunction granted by the district court.

D. Sulcer V. Barrett, et al., U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D. Okla. No. Civ-91-1170-C (July 26, 1991); appeal No. 92-6079 (10th Cir. Ct. App. Feb. 26, 1992).

On August 22, 1989, former tribal employee Pat Sulcer filed an action against Business Committee members Bob Davis, Jim Young, Hilton Melot and Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr. alleging the Business Committee did not have the authority to terminate her employment. At a hearing for a temporary restraining order compelling the Tribe to place her back on the job, the Court found that the individuals were acting as members of the Business Committee and as such were immune from suit. The Court further found that Sulcer had been terminated by the Tribal Administrator, as called for in the policy procedure manual, although the Administrator was merely carrying out the wishes of the Business Committee. Sulcer appealed the dismissal to the Tribal Supreme Court which affirmed.

Following her adverse ruling in Tribal Supreme Court, Sulcer filed a complaint in the United States District Court alleging wrongful termination and various violations of her civil rights. The Tribe moved to dismiss the action based on the doctrine of sovereign immunity and the fact that the

case had already been litigated in Tribal District Court and affirmed by the Tribal Supreme Court. The district Court granted the Tribe's motion to dismiss. Sulcer lost her appeal to the Tenth Circuit.

This case was pending for 573 days, or 1.57 years in federal, district and appellate court.

1. July 26, 1991 — Complaint filed.
2. January 27, 1992 — Order dismissing complaint filed.

3. February 18, 1993 — Tenth Circuit affirms dismissal of Sulcer's suit by the district court.

E. Patricia K. Barrett, now Patricia K. Sulcer V. John Barrett, Jr., No. 75,014 (Okla. S. Ct.).

On May 17, 1990, the Tribe moved for leave to file an amicus curiae brief and suggestion of mootness in case that originated in Cleveland County District Court as a challenge to the Tribal Court's jurisdiction to grant a divorce. Pat Sulcer and John A. Barrett, Jr. were divorced in January of 1989 in the Tribal Court. Approximately one year later, Sulcer challenged that divorce in state court. The state district court dismissed Sulcer's case suggesting she should pursue tribal remedies. Sulcer then appealed the state court's decision to the Oklahoma Supreme Court. At the same time, she initiated a new action in Tribal Court challenging the validity of the divorce. The Tribal Court held the divorce was properly granted, and Sulcer appealed to the Tribal Supreme Court, which subsequently upheld the lower court ruling.

The Tribe sought leave to appear in the appeal of the state court dismissal because Sulcer directly attacked the integrity of the tribal courts by urging that (1) Oklahoma was not required to give full faith and credit to a tribal divorce decree, (2) the Tribal Court did not have jurisdiction over Oklahoma residents living within the state's jurisdiction, and (3) tribal jurisdiction was obtained through fraud, duress and misrepresentation.

The Oklahoma Court of Appeals acknowledged that Oklahoma Courts had long recognized Tribal divorces and that the Tribal Court had jurisdiction over Oklahoma residents who voluntarily submitted to the Court's jurisdiction. However, the appeals court ruled the case should go back to the District Court to allow that Court to determine if the "foreign judgment was obtained by fraud." A petition for certiorari was granted and the case is still pending.

This case has been pending 1,158 or 3.17 years.

1. February 16, 1990 — Appeal filed.
2. May 30, 1990 — Order entered allowing Tribe to submit brief.

3. October 24, 1990 — Tribe filed brief as amicus curiae.

4. March 16, 1992 — Oklahoma Court of Appeals files opinion remanding to the District Court for further hearing.

5. April 6, 1992 — Petition for rehearing filed.

6. November 3, 1992 — Oklahoma court of Appeals denies petition for rehearing.

7. November 23, 1992 — Petition for certiorari filed.

8. April 20, 1993 — Petition for certiorari granted.

F. Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe V. Joe Heaton, U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D. Okla., No. Civ-92-2095-W, on appeal No. 93-6043 (10th Cir.)

In connection with an approved tribal-state Class III gaming compact for video lottery terminals, the Tribe filed an action against the United States Attorney for the

Western District of Oklahoma, seeking a declaration that the Johnson Act did not preclude operation of video lottery terminals under the compact. The district court rendered judgment in favor of the United States Attorney and the Tribe appealed.

This case has been pending in district and appellate courts for 179 days, or .49 years.

1. October 22, 1992 — The Tribe files its complaint.

2. November 12, 1992 — Tribe files Motion for Summary Judgment.

3. December 7, 1992 — Heaton responds to Tribe's Motion for Summary Judgment and cross moves for summary judgment.

4. February 2, 1993 — Court issues an order and judgment in favor of Heaton and against the Tribe.

5. February 3, 1993 — Tribe files Notice of Appellant in the Tenth Circuit.

6. March 1, 1993 — Tribe files its Brief for Appellant in the Tenth Circuit.

7. April 23, 1993 — Tribe motion to expedite granted and oral argument is set for May 12, 1993.

G. Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian of Oklahoma V. L.W. Collier, Jr., U.S. Dist. Ct. W.D. Okla., No. Civ-92-2161-R, on appeal No. 93-6042 (10th Cir.).

In October, 1992, the Tribe brought suit when the BIA refused to follow federal regulations. Under federal regulations, the BIA is required to obtain the written consent of an Indian tribe before taking land within its reservation boundaries into

trust for another tribe. Upon learning that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma may have submitted a trust application for land within the former Potawatomi reservation boundaries, the Tribe asked the BIA if Absentee Shawnee application were pending. After the BIA refused to seek Potawatomi consent, the Potawatomi filed suit. The district court dismissed when the Absentee Shawnee refused to intervene. The Potawatomi are appealing.

This case has been pending for 171 days, or .47 years in federal, district, and appellate courts.

1. October 30, 1992 — Tribe files its complaint.

2. November 20, 1992 — Tribe files Motion for Summary Judgment.

3. January 4, 1993 — BIA files Motion to dismiss.

4. January 5, 1993 — Court grants Tribe's Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

6. February 2, 1993 — Court grants BIA's Motion to Dismiss and vacates preliminary injunction entered on January 19.

7. February 3, 1993 — Tribe files Notice of Appeal to the Tenth Circuit.

8. February 24, 1993 — Tribe files Brief for Appellant in the Tenth Circuit.

9. March 5, 1993 — Court issues order restoring injunction pending appeal.

10. March 26, 1993 — Appellee files "Brief for the Federal Appellee."

11. April 14, 1993 — Tribe files "Reply Brief."

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Under federal regulations, no Indian tribe may take land in trust within the Potawatomi reservation without the written consent of the Potawatomi. Despite this federal regulation, the BIA director announced last fall that Potawatomi written consent would not be sought for Absentee-Shawnee trust applications because the Potawatomi and Absentee-Shawnee "share a common former reservation area." These words, uttered last fall by the BIA Area Director, are nonsense and forced the Potawatomi to sue to protect rights to the Potawatomi Reservation boundaries.

When suit was filed, the Absentee Shawnee were invited to intervene but have refused. This refusal is understandable because the district court dismissed the action on the basis that the Absentee Shawnee was an "indispensable party."

This suit has very significant consequences for the Potawatomi relating to the past and the future. For the past, this suit may put to rest a grievous injustice perpetrated by the BIA. For the future, the suit seeks to insure the integrity of the Potawatomi trust

land area.

This dispute began well over 100 years ago when the Potawatomi selected a reservation in Indian Territory consistent with the 1867 Treaty. The selection was approved by the Secretary of the Interior, the area was surveyed, and Potawatomi money was paid in trust to the United States to purchase the land.

On November 9, 1870, Secretary of Interior Columbus Delano approved the selection to "be set apart as a reservation for the exclusive use and occupancy" of the Potawatomi.

Delano did not take long to break his word. After receiving a petition from some Absentee Shawnee who had settled on the Potawatomi Reservation, Delano declared that the Potawatomi ceased to exist as a tribe and urged Congress to pass an act allotting the Potawatomi reservation to individual Potawatomi and Shawnee.

His recommendation became the May 23, 1872 allotment act. Ever since, the BIA has acted as if the Absentee Shawnee had the "same reservation" in Indian territory as the Potawatomi. This disgraceful bureaucratic attempt to appease one Indian tribe by arbitrarily taking land from another tribe without compensa-

tion has unfortunately continued.

The BIA is persisting in Delano's discredited policy, even though the Indian Claims Commission in 1958 held that the Potawatomi had an exclusive right to their reservation and the Absentee Shawnee had no legal right to the lands within the Potawatomi reservation.

The Tenth Circuit has enjoined the BIA from taking lands in trust for the Absentee-Shawnee within the Potawatomi Reservation boundaries to preserve the *status quo* until the appeal is decided.

If the BIA is not reversed, the consequences for the Potawatomi are enormous. Theoretically, the Absentee Shawnee could place all

available land within the Potawatomi reservation in trust and use this trust land to operate enterprises that either preclude similar Potawatomi enterprises directly compete with them.

Like the price of freedom, eternal vigilance is also the price of preserving Potawatomi right and heritage.



Look At The Facts Then Make Up Your Own Mind

Some members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe say they are upset over the "censorship" they feel was practiced on one HowNiKan advertisement which Francis Levier tried to place last month. That advertisement contained three indisputable falsehoods, one of which was that no one had informed Dr. Levier of HowNiKan deadlines. Since Francis Levier had been told about the deadlines and personally handed a printed list of them, it is reasonable to conclude that that and the other allegations were made in an attempt to manufacture a bogus campaign issue.

I am not a tribal member, but I have been doing business with the Citizen Band for almost 10 years now and I take a great deal of satisfaction in the progress that the Tribe has made in the past decade. I have been married to the editor of The HowNiKan for almost 30 years. I know her to be a good journalist and an ethical journalist. I am proud of the job she has done with our papers and with The HowNiKan, which was named one of the two finest Native American monthlies in the nation last year. It concerns me greatly that such a transparent and self-serving attempt would be made to sully her integrity. Please consider the following facts about this situation:

FACT:

Francis Levier knew the rules — and broke them on purpose! Francis Levier is a former member of the Business Committee and a former tribal administrator. In fact, he was on the Business Committee when the current rules were adopted. He knew he could say anything he wanted to in The HowNiKan as long as he didn't tell a lie. There's only one reason he would submit an advertisement with outright falsehoods in it. He did it because he knew that kind of ad wouldn't be accepted! It gave him a chance to claim he was "censored." He knows better but he's hoping against hope the voters don't!

FACT:

Francis Levier has known both the editor of The HowNiKan and the tribal attorney for years. He knows they're sharp enough to recognize political rhetoric and let that be published — just as they always have. Anyone who thinks Rocky Barrett has gone uncriticized at election time in HowNiKan ads must have been living in a cave these past eight years! So Francis Levier made certain his ad would be challenged by claiming he had never been informed of HowNiKan ad deadlines when he personally had been handed the deadlines in writing and told about them verbally! Remember, if anyone had been trying to stop Dr. Levier from making political claims, he never would have been allowed to put "CENSORED" across his ad!

FACT:

No matter how much Francis Levier and his friends wish this weren't the case, John A. Barrett Jr. never saw the Levier ads before The HowNiKan was published. In fact, no member of the Business Committee saw the Levier advertisements, just as no member of the Levier campaign team saw the Barrett ads. The action that was taken was in keeping with the highest standards of American journalism — don't let a known lie get into print — as well as with the Potawatomi election ordinance. Somebody at The HowNiKan has to make sure its content can be defended. Somebody at commercial newspapers must do the same thing. You don't call that "censorship;" you call it "judgement!"

Wayne Trotter

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Sovereignty Symposium set June 7-10 in Oklahoma City

Chief Justice Marian P. Opala has announced that the Oklahoma Supreme Court, in conjunction with The Sovereignty Symposium Inc., and The Superintendent of Public Instruction has scheduled Sovereignty Symposium VI on June 7-10, 1993 at the Doubletree Hotel at Warren Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Symposium, the first of its kind, was established in 1988 to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues can be exchanged in a scholarly, non-confrontational environment by national and international experts. This year will mark the inauguration of a new aspect of the Symposium, a seminar for educators on the use of Native American languages to satisfy public school foreign language education requirements. This seminar will be held on June 7-8, 1993.

Registration for the Symposium will begin at 8 a.m. on June 7 and is \$125. Pre-registration before May 24 is \$100. A limited number of scholarships are available; scholarship applications should be addressed to Justice Yvonne Kauger Sovereignty Symposium Coordinator, Room 204, State Capitol Build-

ing, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Keynote Address will be given by the Honorable Monroe McKay, Judge of The Tenth Circuit, United State Court of Appeals. A reception will be held on June 9, 1993 at Gilcrease Museum. Works from artists exhibiting at Red Earth will be shown, along with the regular collection.

TGI program helps many Indian-owned businesses

Bob Gann, chairman of Tribal Government Institute of Norman, announced recently that TGI has successfully assisted Oklahoma Indian owned business firms to obtain \$6,182-192 million dollars in government contracts.

TGI operates a free Procurement Technical Assistance Program designed to facilitate the process of government contracting for Indian tribes and Indian owned businesses, and to enable them to obtain their fair share of the billions the government spends each year to purchase goods and services.

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